

MINUTES  
OF THE  
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OF THE  
VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Methodist Episcopal Church, South,

HELD AT  
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## I.

### CONFERENCE OFFICERS, AND BOARDS.

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REVS. P. A. PETERSON, S. S. LAMBETH AND G. C. VANDERSLICE,  
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#### *Preachers' Educational Society:*

REV. DAVIS P. WILLS, PRESIDENT.

## II.

### JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS.

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#### FIRST DAY.

THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, convened in its EIGHTIETH SESSION in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, November 18th, 1874.

Bishop Enoch M. Marvin, President.

The opening religious services were conducted by Bishop Marvin.

The roll of clerical and lay members was called\* by Paul Whitehead, the Secretary of the last Session.

Paul Whitehead was elected Secretary, and P. A. Peterson, Assistant Secretary.

On motion, the hours of daily meeting and adjournment were fixed at nine o'clock A. M., and one o'clock P. M.

The standing committees of the Conference were constituted as follows, according to the regulation upon that subject :

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—John C. Granbery, Thomas A. Ware, Wm. H. Christian, Wesley C. Vaden, Thomas A. Beckham, Robert N. Sledd, James C. Watson, John D. Blackwell, Wm. A. Crocker, Peter F. August, G. Anderson, F. M. McMullan, A. Waddill, Joseph D. Arnold, Robert A. Blackwell, John A. Wingfield, John R. Kilby, John T. West, Samuel Downing, and J. E. Brodwater.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.—George C. Vanderslice, Robert W. Watts, William E. Judkins, John W. Tucker, George H. Ray, John Bayley, George E. Booker, Joseph H. Davis, Alfred Wiles, Charles E. Watts, Thomas H. Lambeth, George W. Bailey, Thomas C. Raay, David H. Traynham, Wm. W. Webb, Thomas B. Hamlin, William Grant, E. R. Hunter, William E. Baker, and Hugh Jackson.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—William G. Lumpkin, James O. Moss, Jacob Manning, Henry C. Bowles, David M. Wallace, Wm. W. Duncan, Joseph H. Amiss, James P. Garland, James L. Spencer, James M. Anderson, M. E. Gary, George W. Moyers, A. Waddill,

\* The Directory shows who were present.

S. G. Staples, Luke J. Palmer, D'Arcy Paul, A. S. Jordan, Thomas Sanderlin, R. H. Lyell, and A. G. Kelley.

On motion of J. E. Edwards, the Presiding Elder of Murfreesboro District, and the preacher in charge of Elizabeth City, N. C. were appointed a committee on Public Worship.

George W. Nolley, Wm. E. Edwards, R. A. Armistead, Josiah D. Hank, Adam C. Bledsoe, J. N. Wilkinson, and George W. Moyers were appointed a Committee on the Bible Cause.

On motion of J. A. Proctor and John E. Edwards, the Board of Missions heretofore appointed by this Conference, were directed to take into consideration, the action of the last General Conference on the subject of Missions, and report to the Conference such a Constitution for the Board of Missions as is required by said action; as also to nominate members of the Conference to constitute said Board for the ensuing year.

On motion of Wm. H. Christian, ordered that a committee be appointed to nominate Committees of Examination for the ensuing four years. John C. Granbery, John D. Blackwell, and F. M. Edwards were appointed said committee.

On motion of Robert W. Watts, (amended by P. A. Peterson),

*Resolved*, That the regulation of this Conference for the examining of classes on the day before that appointed for the convening of the Annual Conference, be so changed as to substitute "seven o'clock on the evening" for "ten o'clock in the morning."

The Board of Trustees of Randolph Macon College, through John C. Granbery, their Secretary, made a communication to the Conference, which was read; and on motion it was referred to the Committee on Education; and by request of the Trustees, it was ordered that a public meeting be held on next Friday Evening to promote the interest of the College.

Bishop Marvin laid before the Conference the following communication from the Secretary of the General Conference.

TO THE BISHOP AND MEMBERS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH:

*Reverend and Dear Brethren.*—The General Conference at its session in Louisville, Ky., May 21st, 1874, adopted by a vote of 135 to 38, the Minority Report, No. 1, of the Committee on Temperance, which is as follows:

Strike out of the General Rules the following clause, Discipline, page 27, which is as follows:

"Drunkenness, or Drinking Spirituous Liquors, unless in cases of necessity."

Then substitute the following:

"Making, buying, selling, or using, as a beverage intoxicating liquors."

I was instructed to send this "resolution around to the Annual Conference for their action."

Very Respectfully,

THOS. O. SUMMERS,

Secretary of the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South.

Nashville, Tennessee, July 31st, 1874.

Which was, on motion, laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Monday next, at eleven o'clock A. M., and it was ordered that the vote thereon shall then be taken without discussion.

Conference took up Minute Question 20.

On motion of J. E. Edwards, the Conference resolved to proceed in the examination of character with open doors, and on motion of L. M.

Lee, the resolution adopted by this Conference at the session of 1872, requiring adherence to the custom of a minister retiring when his name is called, was *rescinded*.

It was ordered that James McAden and Robert Michaels be placed on the Superannuated list; and John J. Lafferty, Thomas H. Early, William H. Camper and James A. Riddick on the Supernumerary list.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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## SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 19, 1874.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by James W. Bledsoe.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared and took their seats:

CLERICAL.—James M. Anderson and Joseph J. Edwards.

LAY.—Arthur S. Jordan and Rev. Wm. Grant, of Murfreesboro District. Joseph E. Brodwater, of Eastern Shore District.

Bishop Marvin announced the transfer to this Conference of P. H. Fishburn, a Deacon of one year, from the Kentucky Conference, also Robert A. Compton, an Elder, from the Texas Conference; and of C. C. Wertenbaker, an Elder, from the Baltimore Conference.

Conference resumed the examination of character.

It was ordered that Joseph H. Riddick, Wm. J. Norfleet and Joseph E. Potts be placed on the Supernumerary list; and Joseph Carson, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames and William A. Robinson, on the Superannuated list.

On motion of R. W. Watts, James M. Anderson was appointed to collect and receive subscriptions for the "Southern Review."

And on motion of P. A. Peterson, D. G. C. Butts was appointed to receive moneys and subscriptions for the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, and its publications.

A communication from James A. Duncan, President of Randolph Macon College, who is prevented by enfeebled health from attending this session, was laid before the Conference and read.

Alex. G. Brown, Financial Secretary of Randolph Macon College, made a Report of the condition of the College, which was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

The Conference took up Minute Question 1, "Who are admitted on trial?"

Franklin C. Woodward, a Local Preacher of Henrico and Charles

City Circuit; Wm. H. Atwell, a Local Preacher of Matthews Circuit; James H. Dalby, a Local Preacher of Cumberland Street, Norfolk; Charles D. Crawley, a Local Preacher of Middlesex Circuit; Benjamin S. Herring, a Local Preacher of Middlesex Circuit; William J. Twilley, a Local Preacher of Berlin Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges, for admission into the traveling connection on trial, passed in examination of character, and were admitted accordingly.

Minute Question 5, "Who are re-admitted?" was taken up.

James H. Jefferson, who was located by the Holston Conference, to which he was transferred in 1868 from this Conference, applied for re-admission into the traveling connection, producing the recommendation of the Quarterly Conference of Franklin Circuit, but the Conference declined to admit him.

Minute Question 2, "Who are continued on trial?" was taken up.

Frederick J. Bickel, John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patterson, William R. Smithey, Charles H. Green, Thomas M. Simpson, Herbert M. Hope, James H. Maynard and John T. Moore, who were admitted on trial into the traveling connection, at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and were severally continued on trial.

Samuel S. Lambeth and George C. Vanderslice were elected Assistant Secretaries.

And then the Conference adjourned.

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### THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 20, 1874.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by George C. Vanderslice.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared and took their seats:

**CLERICAL.**—Edward M. Jordan, Wm. E. Payne, Thomas P. Wise, Travis J. Taylor, Thomas Diggs, Wm. F. Bain, Edward M. Peterson, Thomas L. Williams, Thomas H. Boggs, James E. McSparran, M. S. Colonna, Benj. F. Tennille, Wm. G. Williams, James C. Reed, Richard Ferguson, Jacob Manning, John D. Southall, John G. Rowe, Hezekiah P. Mitchell.

**LAY.**—Thomas B. Hamlin and H. D. Dickerson (alternate in place of John A. Wingfield) from Petersburg District; Samuel Downing and W. E. Baker, from Randolph Macon District, Richard Parker, of Danville District.

Atticus G. Haygood, D. D., Sunday School Secretary, and one of

the Missionary Secretaries of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced to the Conference.

The Annual Exhibit of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, and a communication from A. H. Redford, Book Agent, was laid before the Conference, read, and on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

A communication from J. B. McFerrin and A. G. Haygood, Missionary Secretaries of the M. E. Church, South, was laid before the Conference and read, and on motion, referred to the Board of Missions of this Conference.

Dr. Haygood addressed the Conference on the subject of Missions, and especially the suggestions of the communications just read.

Minute Question 4 was taken up, and Thomas H. Campbell, Christian Evers, Lewis A. Guy, and Richd. J. Moorman, who were continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, were examined before the Conference according to the Discipline by the Bishop, and were severally admitted into full connection; and Richard J. Moorman was elected to Deacon's orders.

William E. Mitchell, who was continued on trial at the last Conference, passed in examination of character, and on account of continued feebleness of health, was continued on trial.

John C. Granbery, from the Board of Missions, reported the "Constitution of the Board of Missions" of this Conference, which was considered, article by article, and adopted.

The following nominations of persons to constitute the Board of Missions under the Constitution just adopted, were also made and confirmed:

**CLERICAL MEMBERS.**—Edward P. Wilson, W. G. Lumpkin, James P. Garland, James C. Martin, William A. Crocker, Adam C. Bledsoe, David F. Hodges, James C. Reed, John E. Edwards, and John C. Granbery.

**LAY MEMBERS.**—George W. Bain, Jr., Joseph H. Dawson, Wm. W. Webb, Richard Pollard, Wm. Willis, Jr., H. W. Gordon, John R. Kilby, Thomas B. Hamlin, Joseph E. Brodwater, and Joseph D. Arnold.

John C. Granbery, from the Committee on Education, made Report No. 1, of said committee.

On motion of A. G. Brown, the Conference invited Brother Thomas Branch, President of the Board of Trustees of Randolph Macon College, to participate in the discussions of the body upon this subject.

On motion of D. P. Wills, the Report was amended as follows:

(1). By striking out in item 2, words "Circuits and Stations" and substituting therefor "Districts of the Conference."

(2). By substituting the word "Districts" for the word "Charges" in item 3.

On motion, the Joint Board of Finance was appointed the committee under second item.

The report was then adopted. [See Reports.]

And then the Conference adjourned.

## FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 21, 1874.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by James H. Crown.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared and took their seats: John W. Hilldrup, Joseph Lear, clerical members; and John T. West, lay member from Norfolk District.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the name of James H. Crown was substituted for that of James P. Garland on the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The name of Wm. R. Cobb was again called under Minute Question 2; and in consequence of ill health, he was continued on trial.

Minute Question 7 was taken up, and Werter H. Gregory and James E. Gates passed in examination of character and were continued in the class of Deacons of one year (it being understood that James E. Gates, who has been ordained Elder, shall pass the examinations of the third and fourth years). Lewis A. Guy and Christian Evers who passed in examination of character and were admitted into full connection on yesterday, having been ordained Deacons at the last Conference and passed approved examination on the studies of the third year, also continued as Deacons of one year.

Minute Question 12 was taken up, and James A. Hughes, D. G. C. Butts, James T. Lumpkin and James F. Twitty, passed in examination of character and were severally elected to Elder's orders.

Minute Question 10 was taken up, and R. H. Mullen, a Local Preacher of Nicholson Street Station, Richmond; Abraham Carter, a colored Local Preacher of Fluvanna Circuit; Alfred Stables, a Local Preacher of Lewiston Circuit; Wm. H. Dameron, a Local Preacher of Brunswick Circuit; James E. Bristow, a Local Preacher of Northampton Circuit; Willis Whitehead, a Local Preacher of Hertford Circuit, Joseph Smith, a Local Preacher of Hertford Circuit, and James Smith, a Local Preacher of Heathsville Circuit, were severally recommended by the Quarterly Conferences of those charges as suitable persons to be elected and ordained Deacons; passed in examination of character, and were elected accordingly.

Under Minute Question 14, R. A. Lee, a Local Deacon of Leesville Mission was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of said mission as a suitable person to be elected to Elder's orders, passed in examination of character; and having certified in a note his belief in the doctrines and discipline of the M. E. Church, South, was elected accordingly.

George W. Nolley, from the Committee on the Bible Cause made a report, which was amended and adopted. [See Reports.]

A communication from the Baltimore Book and Publishing Company was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Publishing Interests.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the resolution of Conference by which the consideration of the action of the last General Conference on the subject of Temperance was made the order of the day for Monday at 11 o'clock, was reconsidered, and the Conference proceeded to vote, without discussion, upon the question of concurrence with the General Conference, with the following result : Ayes, (for concurrence) 55 ; Noes, (against concurrence) 91.

On motion of J. J. Lafferty, D. G. C. Butts was appointed to take a collection and subscription among the members of the Conference for the purpose of purchasing, and presenting to Randolph Macon College, a portrait of Bishop Early, painted by the artist, Mr. Fisher.

John E. Edwards, from the committee heretofore appointed in that matter, reported that the monument to Dr. Wm. A. Smith has been erected in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., and paid for.

On motion of Jacob Manning, L. J. Hansberger was placed on the Superannuated list, and the Conference being informed that he is in necessitous circumstances, a collection was taken up for him, and the amount ordered to be placed in the hands of Jacob Manning.

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, was, on motion, granted to W. W. Duncan.

Minute Question 30, "Whereshall the next session of the Conference be held ?" was taken up, and Danville, Va., was unanimously selected as the place.

On motion of E. M. Peterson, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to devise a suitable plan for publishing the minutes of our Conference. E. M. Peterson, Alex. G. Brown and R. W. Watts were appointed said committee.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 23, 1874.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John B. Laurens.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

The following members appeared and took their seats :

**CLERICAL.**—Wm. B. Rowzie, Benjamin F. Woodward, Edgar H. Pritchett, John W. Tucker, and James F. Brannin.

**LAY.**—John R. Kilby, from Murfreesboro' District, Hugh Jackson, (alternate in place of T. E. Brickhouse) from Eastern Shore District,

and George M. Bain, Jr., (alternate in place of John W. Ames) from Norfolk District.

Bishop Marvin reported for record, in answer to Minute Questions 9, 10, 13 and 15, the following ordinations made by him on yesterday in the Methodist Church in this city :

At morning service :

TRAVELING DEACONS.—Richard J. Moorman.

LOCAL DEACONS.—R. H. Mullen, Wm. H. Dameron, James E. Bristow, Willis Whitehead, and Joseph Smith.

At evening service :

TRAVELING ELDERS.—James F. Twitty, James A. Hughes, Daniel G. C. Butts, James T. Lumpkin.

LOCAL ELDER.—Robert A. Lee.

George C. Vanderslice, from the Committee on Publishing Interests, made a report, which was read and discussed at length, and, on motion, re-committed.

Alexander G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance, made a report (in part) of appropriations in favor of the different claimants upon the funds of the Board, and of assessments for the ensuing year of the sums to be raised in the several Districts of the Conference by its order and in accordance with the discipline of the Church, which were confirmed by the Conference.

D. P. Wills, from the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Educational Fund Society of this Conference, made a report of the operations of said Board for the Conference year 1873-'74, which was adopted, and in accordance with one of the resolutions appended, a collection was taken up to meet a deficiency in the receipts of the Society. [See Reports].

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session, after to-day, was granted to Thomas Sanderlin and F. M. McMullan.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, November 24, 1874.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious exercises were conducted by Edgar H. Pritchett.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Wm. G. Lumpkin, from the Committee on Sunday Schools made a report, which was read; and amended as follows:

(1). On motion of A. C. Bledsoe—the following was substituted for the first resolution :

*Resolved 1st.* That the P. E. of each District be required to gather all the Statistics of the Sunday Schools in each pastoral charge in his District, and report the same to the Chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools at each Annual Conference, on the first day of the session.

(2) Resolution 2d was stricken out. The Report was then adopted. [See Reports.]

Answers to Minute Questions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, were reported. [See General Statistics.]

Alex. G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance reported the following answers to Minute Questions 27 and 28 :

To Question 27, "What amount is necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?" Answer, \$5,801.74.

To Question 28, "What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?" Answer, collected, \$5,801.74, and applied as follows :

To Superannuated Preachers.....	\$1,250.00
To Widows and Orphans.....	4,519.00
Balance retained in hands of Treasurer of Joint Board of Finance.....	32.74
	\$5,801.74

[For particulars see Financial Exhibit.]

George M. Bain, Jr., Treasurer of the Board of Missions of this Conference, reported the amount contributed for missions during the year in answer to Minute Question 29 to be \$8,677.62.

John R. Kilby, from the Board of Managers of the Preachers' Relief Society, made to the Conference the Annual Report of the operations of the Society, which was received and ordered to be spread on the Journal. [See Reports.]

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted in connection with the foregoing Report :

*Resolved 1st.* That each preacher of the Conference having charge of a Circuit or Station, be requested to obtain during the ensuing Conference year, at least ten subscribers to the Society of \$50 each, payable on the usual terms.

*Resolved 2d.* That the Presiding Elders be requested at each Quarterly Conference to enquire what progress has been made in reference to the same.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following Brethren were elected Managers of the "Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, their families, their widows and orphans," for the ensuing year :

D'Arcy Paul, of Petersburg, Va., Richard Irby, of Richmond, Va., W. T. McMullen, of Hertford, N. C., James W. Hinton, of Norfolk, Va., H. T. Lassiter, of Murfreesboro', N. C., George M. Bain, Jr., of Portsmouth, Va., Joseph E. Brodwater, of Temperanceville, Va., John R. Kilby, of Suffolk, Va., J. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, Va.

Alex. G. Brown and W. W. Bennett, Trustees of the Hall Fund of the Virginia Conference, made a Report, which was received and ordered to be spread on the Journal. [See Reports.]

George C. Vanderslice, from the Committee on Publishing Interests to whom the Report first made, was re-committed, again made a Report, which was adopted. [See Reports.]

Wm. H. Christian, from Committee appointed at the last session, to

report a plan for erecting a suitable monument to the memory of the late Bishop Early, reported progress and desired instructions as to their further action.

On motion, the P. E. of the Lynchburg District for the ensuing year was added to the Committee as its chairman.

On motion of P. A. Peterson,

*Resolved*, That the Committee appointed to procure a monument for the grave of Bishop Early be authorized to appeal to the Methodist people for the means to defray the necessary expense.

E. M. Peterson from the Committee appointed to devise a plan for publishing the Minutes of Conference, reported, and, on motion, it was

*Resolved*, That Brother P. A. Peterson be requested to publish the Minutes on the plan suggested by himself, viz: that each member of Conference shall, on receipt of the number of copies sent to his charge, immediately transmit to the compiler the amount due for them.

A. S. Jordan and B. F. Woodward were allowed to record their votes upon the question of concurrence with the General Conference in its action upon the subject of Temperance.

A. S. Jordan voted for concurrence, (Aye) and B. F. Woodward against concurrence (No.)

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session after to-day was granted to C. C. Wertenbaker, W. A. Crocker, Hugh Jackson, Wm. F. Bain, Samuel Downing, Thos. J. Bayton, M. S. Colonna; also to all the preachers who came to the Conference by the steamer "Wm. E. Gates."

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Education was made the order of the day for to-morrow morning at half past ten o'clock A. M.

On motion, the action of the Conference in the cases of Joseph H. Riddick and Thomas M. Simpson was reconsidered; and the motion to grant Joseph H. Riddick a Supernumerary relation was withdrawn; and Thomas M. Simpson, was, at his own request, discontinued.

And then the Conference adjourned.

## SEVENTH DAY.

WEDNESDAY, November 25, 1874.

### MORNING SESSION.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John P. Woodward.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Wm. W. Spain, a clerical member of the Conference appeared and took his seat.

Charles W. Pettit was granted a certificate of location at his own request.

The Conference being informed of the extreme illness and probably dying condition of our beloved brother Henry B. Cowles, united in prayer in behalf of him and his family, led by John C. Granbery, and on motion of P. A. Peterson, it was ordered that Henry B. Cowles be placed on the Superannuated list.

On motion, it was ordered that George W. Nolley be placed on the Superannuated list.

On motion of F. M. Edwards, the action of Conference discontinuing W. R. Smithey was reconsidered ; and he was continued on trial.

On motion of W. E. Judkins, Jacob Manning and E. H. Pritchett,

*Resolved 1st.* That we have learned with sorrow, of the severe illness which has smitten down our venerable and honored Brother, the Rev. H. B. Cowles, while on his way to this session of our Conference, and that we as a Conference, hereby tender to him the assurance, not only of our tender sympathy with him in his afflictions, but of our earnest prayers for his recovery, and for the abundant grace of God to sustain and comfort him in all his future.

*Resolved 2d.* That our Secretary be requested to transmit to Brother Cowles a copy of the foregoing resolution.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved.* That we hereby respectfully request of Bishop Marvin a copy of the sermon delivered by him on Sunday morning last, believing that its publication and circulation would be productive of much good.

John C. Granbery, from the committee appointed to nominate Examining Committees for the ensuing four years, made the following report, which was adopted :

The committee appointed to nominate Examining Committees for the next four years, recommend the following :

*Candidates for Admission :* Wm. McGee, Chairman ; W. G. Williams, T. A. Ware, J. L. Spencer.

*Class of 1st Year :* Thos. L. Williams, Chairman, M. S. Colonna, J. H. Proctor, J. D. Hank.

*Class of 2d Year :* James O. Moss, Chairman ; James W. Bledsoe, D. M. Wallace, Thomas M. Beckham.

*Class of 3d Year :* George C. Vanderslice, Chairman ; James M. Anderson, James W. Blincoe, Joseph B. Merritt.

*Class of 4th Year :* Robert N. Sledd, Chairman ; Wesley C. Vaden, Wm. E. Edwards, Edgar H. Pritchett.

A. C. Bledsoe, from the Board of Missions, reported the appropriations and apportionments for the ensuing year ; which report was received and ordered to be spread on the Journal, as follows :

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

To the Richmond District—Sidney, \$300 ; Nicholson Street, \$250 ; Williamsburg Circuit, \$250 ; Oregon, \$200. Total, \$1,000.

To the Charlottesville District—Piedmont Mission, \$200 ; Salem, \$50 ; Fluvanna, \$200. Total, \$450.

To the Lynchburg District—Leesville, \$100 ; Jackson, \$150 ; Lynchburg Mission, \$300 ; Amherst Mission, \$75. Total, \$625.

To the Danville District—Dan River Mission, \$150 ; Ringgold, \$150 ; Banister, \$150 ; conditionally to the Alleghany Mission, \$300. Total, \$750.

To the Petersburg District—Ettricks, \$400 ; Wesley Chapel, \$200 ; Chesterfield Mission, \$100. Total, \$700.

To the Norfolk District—Berkley, \$250 ; Second Street Portsmouth, \$300 ; Isle of Wight, \$100. Total, \$650.

To the Murfreesboro District—Edenton, \$200 ; Chuckatuck, \$200. Total, \$400.

To the Farmville District—Clarksville, \$250.

To the Eastern Shore District—Wicomico, \$250 ; Bell Haven, \$50 ; Pocomoke, \$50. Total, \$350.

To the Randolph Macon District—Montross, \$150 ; Logan Mission, \$150 ; Spottsylvania, \$200 ; Caroline, \$200. Total, \$700.

To the German Mission, \$1,500 Total appropriations, \$7,500.

This amount of \$7,500 is apportioned among the several Districts as follows :

To Richmond District, \$1,050 ; Charlottesville District, \$675 ; Lynchburg District, \$750 ; Danville District, \$375 ; Farmville District, \$750 ; Petersburg District, \$825 ; Murfreesboro District, \$750 ; Norfolk District, \$1,200 ; Randolph Macon District, \$525 ; Eastern Shore District, \$600. Total, \$7,500.

Amount to be raised by the Virginia Conference for the Parent Board at Nashville, \$4,500.

Apportioned to the several Districts, as follows :

To the Richmond District, \$630 ; Charlottesville District, \$405 ; Lynchburg District, \$450 ; Danville District, \$225 ; Petersburg District, \$495 ; Farmville District, \$450 ; Murfreesboro District, \$450 ; Norfolk District, \$720 ; Randolph Macon District, \$315 ; Eastern Shore District, \$360. Total amount for the Parent Board, \$4,500.

The total amount to be raised for the Parent Board and the Virginia Conference Board, \$12,000.

Total amount apportioned to each District :

To the Richmond District, \$1,680 ; Charlottesville District, \$1,080 ; Lynchburg District, \$1,200 ; Danville District, \$600 ; Farmville District, \$1,200 ; Petersburg District, \$1,320 ; Murfreesboro District, \$1,200 ; Norfolk District, \$1,920 ; Randolph Macon District, \$840 ; Eastern Shore District, \$960. Total, \$12,000.

On motion, the following resolution, offered by the Board, for adoption by the Conference, was passed :

*"Resolved.*, That the Preachers be requested to take up a collection in each pastoral charge, not later than the month of May, for the Conference Board of Domestic Missions and Home Evangelization, and forward the same to the Treasurer George M. Bain, Jr., at Portsmouth, Va., as soon thereafter as practicable."

The order of the day was taken up, and John C. Granbery, from the Committee on Education, made Report No. 2, which was discussed and adopted. [See Reports.]

Alexander G. Brown, from the Joint Board of Finance made a report in full, which was read and adopted, and the funds distributed. [See Financial Exhibit.]

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock P. M.

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#### EVENING SESSION—7 O'CLOCK.

Conference met according to adjournment. Bishop Marvin in the chair.

Religious services were conducted by John C. Granbery.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The President of the Conference announced the following to compose the Joint Board of Finance for the ensuing year : Oscar Littleton, S. D. Turner, Robert W. Watts, E. B. Brown, Wm. F. Bain, Richard Pollard, John D. Southall, Wm. A. Smith, George H. Ray, Wm. W. Webb, E. M. Peterson, L. L. Marks, Wm. G. Starr, John R. Kilby, Joseph H. Davis, Geo. M. Bain, Jr., Alex. G. Brown, Thos. W. Garrett, P. F. August and Joseph E. Brodwater.

On motion of John M. Saunders, Conference granted a superannuated relation to Fielding A. Davis.

On motion of Leroy M. Lee, it was ordered that a certificate be granted to Thomas Diggs at his own request.

On motion of Wm. G. Lumpkin, the Bishop was requested to appoint Leonidas Rosser Sunday School Agent for this Conference.

George H. Ray was elected Corresponding Secretary to represent the Sunday School interests of this Conference to the Sunday School Secretary elected by the General Conference.

On motion of P. A. Peterson, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved 1st.*, That we are deeply impressed by the cordial Christian hospitality which has been extended to the members of this body, by the people of Elizabeth City, for which we hereby tender our heartfelt acknowledgments.

*Resolved* 2d, That we recognize and appreciate the Christian courtesy exhibited by the congregations of other denominations whose pulpits we have been invited to occupy.

*Resolved* 3d, That we tender thanks to the Managers of the various lines of public travel for reduction of fare to the members of the Conference.

On motion of D. F. Hodges and B. W. Daugherty,

*Resolved*, That the P. E.'s of the Districts be allowed to employ Rev. Jas. H. Jefferson, a Local Elder, to work in the bounds of their Districts should his services be needed on any of their charges.

On motion of Robert W. Watts, the thanks of the Conference were tendered to the Secretaries for their services.

On motion of J. A. Proctor, Conference tendered thanks to the Reporters for their accurate reports of our proceedings from day to day.

The Committee on Public Worship appointed Wm. McGee to preach the opening sermon at the next session of the Conference, and Edward P. Wilson as his alternate.

The minutes of this session were read and approved.

After appropriate religious services, the appointments of the preachers to their respective charges were announced.

And then the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

E. M. MARVIN, PRESIDENT.

PAUL WHITEHEAD, SECRETARY.

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### SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS.

Joseph Carson, Benjamin Devany, John C. Garlick, Jacob Shough, Benjamin M. Williams, Samuel T. Moorman, Benjamin T. Ames, Wm. A. Robinson, Robert Michaels, Fielding A. Davis, Henry B. Cowles, L. J. Hansberger, James McAden, Geo. W. Nolley.

### III.

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR 1874--75.

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	<i>Years.</i>
I. RICHMOND DISTRICT .....	<u>DAVIS P. WILLS, P. E.</u> 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
1. { Trinity, Richmond .....	Adam C. Bledsoe, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
2. { Nicholson Street, Richmond .....	Herbert T. Bacon, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
3. Centenary, "	John E. Edwards, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
4. { Broad Street, "	John C. Granberry, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
5. { German Mission, "	Frederick Bickel, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
6. Sidney, "	George C. Vanderslice, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
7. Oregon, "	Lewis A. Guy, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
8. Clay Street, "	Benjamin F. Woodward, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
9. Union, "	Henry C. Cheatham, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
10. Manchester .....	William McGee, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
11. Henrico and Charles City .....	William G. Williams, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
12. New Kent .....	Thomas P. Wise, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
13. King William .....	Charles H. Green, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
14. Matthews .....	Alexander M. Hall, 2 ; William H. Atwell, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\times$
15. Gloucester .....	Oscar Littleton, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\checkmark$
16. Williamsburg Circuit .....	James W. Connelly, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Editor <i>Christian Advocate</i> .....	William W. Bennett. $\frac{1}{2}$
II. CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT .....	<u>JOSEPH A. PROCTOR, P. E.</u> 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
17. Charlottesville .....	James F. Twitty, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
18. Albemarle .....	Robert W. Watts, 2 ; John J. Lafferty, Sup'y. —
19. Madison .....	John W. Hilldrup, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
20. Louisa .....	Joshua S. Hunter, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
21. Scottsville .....	James E. Gates, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
22. Fluvanna .....	John W. Howard, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
23. Batesville .....	William W. Spain, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
24. Gordonsville .....	John T. Moore, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
25. Orange Circuit .....	John H. Kabler, 1 ; Wm. H. Camper, Sup'y. —
26. Greene .....	William E. Payne, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
27. Goochland .....	Benjamin C. Spiller, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$
28. West Hanover .....	John McCleland, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
29. Piedmont .....	To be supplied by Geo. W. Bailey. —
III. LYNCHBURG DISTRICT .....	<u>JOHN D. BLACKWELL, P. E.</u> 1 $\frac{1}{2}$
30. { Centenary, Lynchburg .....	William H. Christian, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$
31. { City Mission, " .....	To be supplied by Lawrence F. Way. —
32. Court Street, " .....	William E. Judkins, 3 ; Thos. H. Early, Sup'y. —

-33.	Amherst.....	Thomas A. Ware, 1
-34.	{ West Amherst.....	Thomas H. Campbell, 3
-35.	{ Amherst Missions.....	To be supplied by Elisha DeWitt.
-36.	Bedford.....	Edgar H. Pritchett, 3
-37.	Jackson.....	Christian Evers, 1
-38.	South Bedford.....	John T. Weaver, 1
-39.	Bedford Springs.....	Travis J. Taylor, 2
-40.	Liberty .....	George W. Langhorne, 1
-41.	Nelson.....	Hartwell H. Gary, 1
-42.	Appomattox.....	James E. McSparran, 1
-43.	{ Campbell.....	William F. Bain, 3
-44.	{ Leesville.....	James H. Dalby, 1
+ 45.	Buckingham.....	Joshua L. Garrett, 3
+ 46.	Prospect.....	Wesley C. Vaden, 1

IV.	DANVILLE DISTRICT.....	JOHN M. SAUNDERS, P. E. 3
47.	Main Street, Danville.....	Samuel S. Lambeth, 3
48.	Lynn " "	James W. Bledsoe, 1
49.	Charlotte.....	Esmond A. Gibbs, 1
50.	West Charlotte.....	James A. Hughes, 3
51.	South of Dan.....	John D. Southall, 1
52.	Ringgold.....	To be supplied by John Forbes.
53.	Bannister.....	To be supplied by John G. Baily.
54.	Pittsylvania.....	David F. Hodges, 1
55.	Franklin.....	John W. Tucker, 1
56.	East Franklin.....	P. H. Fishburn, 1
57.	Henry.....	To be supplied.
58.	Patrick.....	Benjamin S. Herring, 1
59.	Dan River.....	To be supplied by Walter S. Creasy,
60.	Halifax.....	Henry C. Bowles, 1

+ 0 V.	FARMVILLE DISTRICT.....	FRANCIS M. EDWARDS, P. E. 3
+ 61.	Farmville.....	Jacob Manning, 1
+ 62.	Mount Pleasant.....	: Joseph S. R. Clarke, 3
+ 63.	Lunenburg.....	James O. Moss, 1
+ 64.	Lewiston.....	George H. Ray, 2
65.	Boydton.....	James Jameison, 3
66.	Clarksville.....	Henry C. Paulett, 1
67.	Boydton Circuit.....	: Joseph Lear, 2
68.	Mecklenburg.....	Thomas M. Beckham, 3
+ 69.	Brunswick.....	David M. Wallace, 3
+ 70.	Nottoway.....	: James W. Blincoe, 3
+ 71.	Amelia.....	Charles D. Crawley, 1
+ 72.	Powhatan.....	: James T. Lumpkin, 3
+ 73.	Cumberland.....	James R. Waggener, 2
+ 74.	South Brunswick.....	John P. Woodward, 2
+ 75.	Farmville College.....	Paul Whitehead, President.

+ 0 VI.	PETERSBURG DISTRICT.....	LEROY M. LEE, P. E. 2
+ 0 76.	Washington Street, Petersburg.....	Wm. Wallace Duncan, 3
+ 0 77.	Blandford, "	To be supplied.
+ 0 78.	Wesley Chapel, "	George M. Wright, 3
+ 0 79.	Market Street, "	Robert N. Sledd, 3
+ 0 80.	High St. and Battersea, "	Wm. G. Lumpkin, 1
+ 0 81.	Ettricks.....	John Bayley, 3
+ 0 82.	Chesterfield.....	Richard Ferguson, 3
+ 0 83.	{ Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	William T. White, 1
+ 0 84.	{ Chesterfield Mission.....	To be supplied by James Baily.
+ 0 85.	Dinwiddie.....	Robert A. Armistead, 1
+ 0 86.	West Dinwiddie .....	Joseph B. Merritt, 1
+ 0 87.	Sussex.....	Joseph H. Riddick, 1 ; James A. Riddick, Sup'y.
+ 0 88.	Hicksford.....	William B. Rowzie, 3
+ 0 89.	Prince George.....	Jacob H. Proctor, 3
+ 0 90.	Surry.....	William E. Allen, 3
+ 0 VII.	MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.....	LEMUEL S. REED, P. E. 3
+ 0 91.	Murfreesboro .....	Franklin C. Woodward, 1
+ 0 92.	Northampton .....	Benjamin F. Tennille, 2
+ 0 93.	Meherrin .....	James D. Lumsden, 1
+ 0 94.	Bertie.....	Wm. P. Wright, 2 ; Wm. R. Smithey, 1
+ 0 95.	Edenton.....	William P. Jordan, 1
+ 0 96.	Hertford.....	James C. Watson, 2
+ 0 97.	Pasquotank.....	James W. Compton, 3 ; Wm. R. Cobb, 1
+ 0 98.	Elizabeth City .....	James C. Martin, 1
+ 0 99.	Suffolk .....	George E. Booker, 1
+ 0 100.	Gates.....	Thos. L. Williams, 3
+ 0 101.	Southampton.....	To be supplied by Geo. Rives.
+ 0 102.	Chuckatuck.....	Charles E. Hobday, 1
+ 0 103.	North Southampton .....	John N. Jones, 2
+ 0 104.	Dare.....	To be supplied by Newton H. Cox. Wesleyan Female College..... William G. Starr, President.
+ 0 VIII.	NORFOLK DISTRICT.....	PETER A. PETERSON, P. E. 4
+ 0 105.	Cumberland Street, Norfolk .....	Edward M. Peterson, 1
+ 0 106.	Granby Street, ".....	Wm. E. Edwards, 3 ; Wm. J. Norfleet, Sup'y.
+ 0 107.	{ City Mission, "	To be supplied.
+ 0 108.	{ Berkley .....	Wilbur F. Robins, 1
+ 0 109.	Monumental, Portsmouth.....	James P. Garland, 3
+ 0 110.	{ Central, "	Hezekiah P. Mitchell, 1
+ 0 111.	{ Second Street, "	James H. Crown, 2
+ 0 112.	Norfolk Circuit .....	James C. Reed, 2
+ 0 113.	East Norfolk Circuit .....	Joseph H. Davis, 2
+ 0 114.	South Norfolk Circuit,.....	Joseph J. Edwards, 4+
+ 0 115.	Indian Ridge.....	John Q. Rhodes, 1+
+ 0 116.	Princess Anne.....	Thomas J. Bayton, 2+

117.	York.....	Robert N. Crooks, 4
118.	Hampton.....	James L. Spencer, 1
119.	Smithfield.....	Robert A. Compton, 1
120.	Isle of Wight.....	To be supplied by Alexander Doniphon Superintendent of German Missions..... Edward N. S. Blogg. Norfolk Collegiate Institute..... Robert M. Saunders, Principal.

IX.	RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.....	EDWARD P. WILSON, P. E. 1
121.	Rappahannock.....	Milton L. Bishop, 3
122.	Rappahannock Mission .....	James F. Finnell, 3
123.	Culpeper Station.....	Richard J. Moorman, 1
124.	Culpeper Circuit.....	Edward M. Jordan, 1
125.	Spotsylvania.....	James H. Maynard, 1
126.	Caroline.....	James F. Brannin, 1
127.	King George.....	Thomas H. Boggs, 4
128.	Westmoreland.....	Wm. A. Crocker, 3
129.	Heathsville.....	David G. C. Butts, 2
130.	Montross.....	John W. White, 1 ; Walter C. Taylor, Sup'y.
131.	Lancaster.....	Alfred Wiles, 2
132.	Middlesex.....	Josiah D. Hank, 1
133.	King and Queen.....	Chas. E. Watts, 1 ; Wm. E. Mitchell, 2
134.	Logan Mission .....	To be supplied.
135.	Hanover.....	John B. Laurens, 1 ; Robt. B. Beadles, Sup'y.
136.	Ashland.....	John H. Patterson, 1 ; Joseph E. Potts, Sup'y.
137.	Randolph Macon College.....	James A. Duncan, President.
138.	Randolph Macon College.....	Alex. G. Brown, Financial Secretary.
139.	Agent Virginia Bible Society.....	John G. Rowe.
140.	Sunday School Agent.....	Leonidas Rosser.

X.	EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.....	JOHN B. DEY, P. E. 4
137.	Eastville.....	Lloyd Moore, 1
138.	Bell Haven.....	To be supplied by Edward Hebard.
139.	Pungoteague.....	Beverly W. Daugherty, 1
139.	Onancock.....	Joseph H. Amiss, 1
140.	Atlantic.....	James M. Anderson, 2
142.	Pocomoke.....	Wm. J. Twilly, 1
143.	Wicomico.....	Chas. C. Wertemberger, 1
144.	Salisbury.....	Peter F. August, 3
145.	Berlin.....	Werter H. Gregory, 1
146.	Dorchester.....	Major S. Colonna, 3
147.	Cambridge:.....	Herbert M. Hope, 1

118 132 Danville R.R.  
 127 80 State & M. W.  
 38 25 Midland  
 40 Miscellaneous  
 48

## IV.

### COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION, AND THE CLASSES.

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#### *To Examine Candidates for Admission.*

William McGee, Chairman ; William G. Williams, Thomas A. Ware, James L. Spencer.

#### *To Examine Class of First Year.*

Thomas L. Williams, Chairman ; Major S. Colonna, Jacob H. Proctor, Josiah D. Hank.

CLASS.—Franklin C. Woodward, James H. Dalby, William H. Atwell, Chas. D. Crawley, Benjamin S. Herring, William J. Twilly, Frederick Bickel, Wm. R. Smithey, Wm. E. Mitchell.

#### *To Examine Class of Second Year.*

James O. Moss, Chairman ; David M. Wallace, James W. Bledsoe, Thomas M. Beckham.

CLASS.—John H. Kabler, Henry C. Paulett, John H. Patterson, Charles H. Green, Herbert M. Hope, James H. Maynard, John T. Moore, Wm. E. Mitchell, William R. Cobb, Frederick Bickel, William R. Smithey.

#### *To Examine Class of Third Year.*

George C. Vanderslice, Chairman ; James M. Anderson, James W. Blincoe, Joseph B. Merritt,

CLASS.—Thomas H. Campbell, Richard J. Moorman, James E. Gates.

#### *To Examine Class of Fourth Year.*

Robert N. Sledd, Chairman ; Wm. E. Edwards, Wesley C. Vaden, Edgar H. Pritchett.

CLASS.—Werter H. Gregory, James E. Gates,) Lewis A. Guy, Christian Evers.

$$\begin{array}{r} 130 \\ 80 \\ \hline 210 \\ 155 \\ \hline 355 \end{array}$$

## V.—GENERAL STATISTICS.

## PASTORAL CHARGES.

PASTORAL CHARGES.		Local Preachers	MEMBERS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.		MONEY EXPEN'D									
			White.	Colored.	No. of Deaths.	By Baptism	On Profes'n of Faith.	Infants Baptized	Number.	No. Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Ch. Edifices.	Parsonages.	No. For Sunday Schools.	Build'g and Repairing Churches & Parsonages.		
<b>RICHMOND DISTRICT.</b>																		
Richmond—Trinity.....	2	392	.....	7	33	63	5	1	45	275	856	1	\$48,000	.....	\$1,900	\$232 46	\$812 00	
" Rocketts .....	1	76	.....	1	16	33	3	1	15	83	.....	1	1,500	.....	45 00	.....	.....	
" Centenary.....	.....	333	.....	5	2	8	4	1	55	266	625	1	20,000	.....	675 00	.....	200	
" Broad Street.....	1	360	.....	1	9	4	4	1	35	209	700	1	50,000	.....	500	250 00	2,300 00	
" German Mission.....	.....	40	.....	1	12	8	3	1	7	52	.....	1	5,000	.....	21 00	5,070 25	50 00	
" Sidney.....	.....	143	.....	1	4	12	3	1	29	128	480	1	3,000	.....	900	250 00	.....	
" Oregon.....	.....	130	.....	3	13	1	1	1	27	189	584	1	3,000	.....	210	82 26	.....	
" Clay Street.....	.....	430	.....	19	38	19	4	2	45	310	650	1	15,000	.....	900	130 62	64 60	
" Union.....	1	393	.....	3	23	4	6	1	30	275	400	1	15,000	1	\$3,500	.....	550 00	
Manchester.....	2	285	.....	4	5	6	6	1	27	189	500	1	15,000	.....	250	150 00	175 00	
Henrico and Charles City.....	2	489	1	6	44	39	7	7	93	434	1050	6	13,200	1	1,800	241 00	328 25	
New Kent.....	.....	280	2	5	24	9	5	4	48	151	610	7	4,000	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	
King William.....	1	276	2	3	7	15	1	4	44	208	360	4	3,000	.....	.....	12 00	41 00	
Matthews.....	1	940	1	6	32	70	5	6	80	525	700	6	5,000	1	1,000	150	120 00	
Gloucester.....	1	900	1	10	38	135	60	7	85	550	800	5	7,500	1	800	400	250 00	
Williamsburg.....	.....	64	.....	1	10	8	.....	1	10	34	128	1	3,000	.....	14	.....	50 00	
<b>CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.</b>																		
Charlottesville.....	1	179	.....	4	6	8	.....	1	25	198	800	1	8,000	1	\$4,000	.....	\$223 50	
Albemarle.....	.....	500	6	4	5	4	3	5	20	200	400	8	10,000	1	2,500	10 00	1,000 00	
Madison.....	3	390	5	5	32	45	3	8	40	250	550	8	10,000	1	1,000	137	60 00	
Louisa.....	2	472	2	5	7	25	3	7	40	300	500	7	11,000	1	2,000	.....	30 00	
Scottsville.....	1	401	8	4	21	29	4	6	40	268	300	6	4,000	.....	.....	31 46	160 25	
Fluvanna.....	2	573	90	2	20	29	4	7	55	286	481	9	5,550	1	700	300	16 84	
Batesville.....	1	517	15	1	25	85	10	9	72	400	900	5	8,000	.....	400	50 00	350 00	
Gordonsville.....	2	88	.....	1	20	35	.....	1	17	70	80	1	5,000	.....	240	22 00	.....	
Orange Circuit.....	1	235	.....	1	7	6	1	4	37	168	550	6	4,500	.....	.....	20 00	80 00	
Greene.....	.....	297	1	12	21	2	4	3	175	700	500	5	4,000	1	1,000	100	35 00	
Goochland.....	.....	330	80	1	50	40	2	5	45	268	500	5	2,000	.....	.....	30 00	400 00	
Beaver Dam.....	1	280	1	1	12	10	.....	3	24	119	342	3	1,400	.....	.....	25 28	.....	
Piedmont Mission.....	1	315	.....	6	60	6	.....	3	15	150	175	2	800	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	
	15	4577	208	40	277	343	25	63	465	2852	6198	66	\$74,250	6	\$11,200	\$1,177	\$559 08	\$3,711 66

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**LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.**

Lynchburg—Centenary.....	310	.....	6	10	29	5	1	21	220	491	1	\$17,000	.....	\$5,200	\$145 00	\$45 00				
" City Mission.....	84	.....	5	20	34	1	1	20	80	263	1	1,500	.....	75	50 00	.....				
" Court Street.....	2	351	.....	1	18	8	3	1	43	200	300	1	25,000	1	4,500	350 00	128 25			
Amherst.....	1	227	.....	3	13	30	3	6	34	150	.....	4	5,000	.....	500	20 00	360 00			
West Amherst.....	2	264	.....	29	30	6	9	89	20	200	50	5	5,000	.....	20	13 00	200 00			
Bedford.....	2	275	.....	4	18	20	3	5	15	135	.....	2	500	.....	41 00	941 00				
Jackson.....	1	192	.....	1	8	58	5	500	500	7	2,500	1	800	.....	10 00	300 00				
South Bedford.....	.....	446	7	3	3	.....	1	8	50	300	600	6	5,000	.....	50	75 00	700 00			
Bedford Springs.....	.....	250	1	1	40	30	10	7	50	150	1	5,000	.....	200	.....	.....				
Liberty and Salem.....	.....	83	.....	1	6	9	5	1	12	60	297	8	8,000	.....	60 50	.....				
Nelson.....	1	445	.....	6	46	15	2	6	62	500	7	5,000	1	800	.....	50 00	1,300 00			
Appomattox.....	1	460	1	2	14	17	3	6	50	300	500	7	5,000	1	2,500	.....	25 00	16 00		
Campbell.....	1	577	2	4	20	14	1	9	82	409	689	9	3,000	1	10 00	.....	10 00	.....		
German Mission.....	.....	517	1	5	17	17	3	6	48	235	.....	7	5,500	1	500	.....	12 00	350 00		
Buckingham.....	2	357	1	3	26	7	3	4	29	134	300	4	4,800	1	1,300	150	15 00	200 00		
Prospect.....	2	163	1	2	24	33	.....	4	45	205	120	3	850	.....	100	4 60	.....			
Leesville Mission.....	.....	16	5001	14	46	305	313	67	79	686	4011	5158	75	\$107,350	7	\$15,900	\$10,785	\$881 10	\$4,540 25	

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**NORFOLK DISTRICT.**

Norfolk—Cumberland Street.....	3	573	.....	9	8	25	29	2	52	381	506	1	\$20,500	1	\$4,500	500	267 21	128 28	
" Granby Street.....	.....	304	.....	5	12	4	1	1	49	278	425	1	30,000	.....	2,100	507 56	200 00		
Berkley.....	.....	85	.....	2	4	4	4	1	18	106	490	1	4,500	.....	650	664 00	.....		
Portsmouth—Monumental.....	1	386	.....	6	5	40	1	1	57	300	500	2	25,000	.....	750	100 00	14,000 00		
" Central.....	1	240	.....	4	4	7	1	36	228	1500	1	15,000	.....	600	100 00	4,500 33			
" Second Street.....	1	117	.....	3	8	23	11	1	32	130	300	1	2,500	.....	400	100 00	55 00		
Norfolk Circuit.....	.....	193	.....	4	17	21	2	5	40	160	500	5	5,600	.....	.....	52 62	1,400 00		
East Norfolk Circuit.....	1	164	.....	2	14	13	28	3	31	117	400	3	7,000	.....	100	55 00	.....		
South Norfolk Circuit.....	3	557	.....	20	30	70	21	6	50	400	1000	6	7,000	.....	26	144 00	396 00		
Indian Ridge.....	2	562	.....	11	16	7	3	5	52	240	700	8	7,000	.....	25 00	55 00	.....		
Princess Anne.....	4	847	.....	10	13	24	7	10	129	535	1640	8	9,000	1	1,600	275	55 00	600 00	
York.....	.....	511	1	9	24	44	42	4	75	317	748	4	2,800	1	1,250	.....	70 85	25 00	
Hampton and Fox Hill.....	.....	240	.....	3	8	28	31	2	19	121	730	2	3,500	.....	150	100 00	450 00		
Smithfield.....	1	203	.....	4	17	11	5	3	38	153	350	2	6,500	.....	600	25 00	.....		
Isle of Wight.....	1	190	.....	2	18	14	11	5	70	220	175	4	4,000	.....	20 00	.....	20 00		
Jamestown Circuit.....	.....	60	.....	16	11	2	2	10	60	100	3	3,000	.....	.....	10 00	125 00	.....		
.....	18	5292	1	80	199	316	247	52	758	3746	10,064	52	\$152,900	3	\$7,350	\$6,151	\$2,296 24	\$21,944 61	

## GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.		Local Preachers		MEMBERS.		No. of Deaths.		ADDITIONS		Infants Baptized		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				MONEY EXPENDED		
		1	2	White.	Colored.	10	12	30	8	1	48	388	780	Ch. Edifiees.	Parsonages.	No.	Value.	For Sunday Schools.	Build'g and Repairing Churches & Parsonages.	
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.																				
Petersburg—Washington Street	1	532	12	102	32	10	12	30	8	1	48	388	780	1	\$25,000	1	\$5,000	.....	\$414 38	
“ Wesley Chapel & Blandford	2	200	.....	.....	.....	12	12	10	8	2	40	245	500	2	2,000	.....	.....	300 00	.....	
“ Market Street.....	3	320	.....	.....	.....	4	4	16	10	1	41	228	625	1	30,000	1	4,000	1,500	441 30	
“ High Street & Battersea.....	4	462	.....	.....	.....	7	7	9	2	2	41	270	800	2	10,000	.....	400	125 00	.....	
Ettricks.....	5	154	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2	1	1	31	154	250	1	1,700	.....	.....	84 93	.....	
Chesterfield.....	6	556	.....	.....	.....	7	7	7	1	7	71	358	500	8	5,000	1	1,200	.....	25 04	
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	7	278	.....	.....	.....	15	15	20	1	4	36	190	80	6	2,100	.....	.....	16 00	.....	
Dinwiddie.....	8	365	.....	.....	.....	16	16	1	1	3	45	310	200	8	4,900	.....	.....	100 00	300 00	
West Dinwiddie.....	9	329	.....	.....	.....	50	50	53	1	3	30	140	300	6	5,500	.....	.....	12 00	130 00	
Sussex.....	10	443	1	12	12	11	11	21	6	8	80	279	496	10	5,200	.....	500	30 40	155 00	
Hicksford.....	11	147	1	3	3	9	9	32	3	2	8	40	.....	5	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Prince George.....	12	340	1	3	3	45	45	77	15	6	62	270	475	7	6,175	.....	75	100 00	225 00	
Surry.....	13	345	1	3	3	8	8	25	7	6	71	288	1450	7	4,300	.....	.....	45 00	.....	
	21	4471	3	57	57	219	219	391	128	52	604	3160	6456	64	\$104,375	3	\$10,200	\$2,475	\$1,694 05	\$1,995 12
RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.																				
Rappahannock.....	1	350	4	1	1	5	10	5	40	275	500	5	5,850	1	790	300	40 00	75 28		
Culpeper.....	2	58	.....	1	1	3	3	2	1	10	57	100	1	2,500	.....	.....	150 00	.....		
Culpeper Circuit.....	3	294	3	5	5	27	22	22	6	33	186	525	3	2,000	.....	.....	28 86	150 00		
Spotsylvania.....	4	200	5	3	1	.....	.....	.....	3	20	90	100	5	3,000	.....	.....	3 50	.....		
Caroline.....	5	409	.....	8	1	9	10	5	47	270	500	6	8,000	.....	.....	.....	110 00	.....		
King George.....	6	416	1	5	5	42	8	1	5	53	342	1200	4	8,000	.....	120	61 00	1,156 00		
Westmoreland.....	7	445	4	5	5	15	16	17	5	59	292	635	5	10,000	.....	100	30 00	800 00		
Heathsville.....	8	460	4	4	4	38	30	11	5	64	301	230	3	5,500	.....	.....	53 99	1,400 00		
Montross.....	9	183	12	2	2	19	32	32	3	35	161	200	3	2,000	.....	.....	70 00	.....		
Lancaster.....	10	447	6	6	28	51	13	6	77	310	825	4	10,000	1	1,500	30	79 77	.....		
Middlesex.....	11	474	7	28	87	8	5	68	317	391	6	6,000	1	1,200	.....	93 75	600 00			
King and Queen.....	12	525	.....	22	38	8	4	66	260	500	5	6,500	1	1,600	.....	40 00	500 00			
Logan Mission.....	13	100	2	3	1	.....	1	11	48	100	2	2,000	.....	.....	.....	3 00	1,200 00			
Hanover.....	14	692	2	14	35	54	8	101	590	1300	6	4,500	1	2,500	200	220 00	1,000 00			
	29	5055	31	64	262	361	70	62	684	3499	7106	58	\$75,850	5	\$7,590	\$750	\$873 87	\$6,991 28		

FARMVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Farmville.....	118	.....	2	4	6	3	1	15	92	500	1	\$6,000	1	\$2,500	.....	\$62 50	.....	
Mount Pleasant.....	132	.....	2	.....	27	11	1	7	35	.....	2	3,000	.....	.....	5 00	.....		
Lunenburg.....	438	1	11	.....	47	8	5	50	230	350	6	6,400	.....	150	15 00	\$270 00		
Lewiston.....	2	298	4	6	1	1	5	45	205	350	5	4,000	.....	150	25 00	.....		
Boydton.....	2	57	.....	1	6	.....	1	18	40	100	1	3,300	.....	50	35 00	25 00		
Boydton Circuit.....	1	287	4	9	24	1	3	25	125	100	4	3,600	.....	200	7 00	.....		
Mecklenburg.....	2	795	10	43	13	12	8	48	240	525	9	6,500	1	1,600	.....	50 00	25 90	
Clarksville Mission.....	52	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7	46	110	2	2,250	.....	.....	7 50	35 00		
Brunswick.....	4	786	.....	33	25	97	12	10	121	482	821	11	12,000	1	1,000	200	67 92	60 00
Nottoway.....	1	480	.....	7	65	83	10	5	60	172	300	5	10,500	1	1,500	.....	50 00	12 00
Amelia.....	3	350	15	.....	.....	.....	2	15	125	700	7	5,000	1	2,000	.....	10 00	.....	
Powhatan.....	1	135	.....	2	4	20	2	3	21	86	70	4	3,800	.....	.....	20 00	113 00	
Cumberland.....	321	.....	2	18	57	10	1	16	75	500	1	1,500	1	1,000	.....	12 00	206 00	
South Brunswick.....	1	395	.....	5	44	39	3	6	71	245	400	6	3,000	.....	90	30 60	264 21	
	17	4644	25	78	204	419	73	52	519	2198	4826	64	\$70,850	6	\$9,600	\$840	\$396 92	\$1,010 21
DANVILLE DISTRICT.																		
Danville—Main Street.....	2	197	.....	1	20	44	2	2	32	226	350	1	20,000	1	5,000	1,800	189 50	1,900 00
" Lynn Street.....	1	190	.....	45	74	6	1	18	180	300	1	12,000	1	4,000	500	137 30	650 00	
Charlotte.....	269	.....	5	12	4	2	5	44	173	425	6	6,000	.....	.....	30 00	150 00		
West Charlotte.....	1	132	2	1	5	.....	1	2	17	95	130	4	1,500	.....	.....	21 00	.....	
South of Dan.....	3	497	2	6	72	12	1	8	40	300	.....	6	4,000	1	2,000	.....	.....	
Ringgold.....	85	.....	2	.....	2	.....	1	8	52	50	2	500	.....	.....	15 00	14 00		
Bannister.....	3	290	2	3	31	40	.....	3	33	118	290	5	3,200	.....	.....	20 00	50 00	
Pittsylvania.....	1	303	4	5	51	11	.....	6	57	230	400	8	6,000	1	850	.....	20 00	100 00
Franklin.....	2	738	10	3	5	2	3	13	105	605	300	13	7,800	1	1,200	.....	35 75	40 00
Henry.....	297	.....	2	5	10	.....	8	60	450	650	4	2,500	1	600	.....	.....		
Patrick.....	159	17	1	5	5	4	3	18	95	150	3	2,500	.....	325	10 00	.....		
Dan River Mission.....	2	151	10	2	4	2	2	2	8	80	150	7	1,200	.....	.....	20 00	.....	
Halifax.....	1	408	.....	3	.....	5	.....	5	48	175	390	5	3,500	1	1,500	.....	8 60	150 00
Alleghany Mission.....	15	.....	3	.....	.....	1	10	73	20	2	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....		
	16	3731	47	36	255	209	21	60	498	2852	3605	67	\$71,000	7	\$15,150	\$2,625	\$507 65	\$3,074 00
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.																		
Eastville.....	1	274	.....	5	14	6	4	64	229	500	4	3,800	.....	.....	650	175 00	165 00	
Bell Haven.....	2	78	.....	16	13	.....	2	15	80	100	2	1,000	.....	.....	40 00	.....		
Pungoteague.....	3	704	1	8	13	32	32	8	90	600	700	8	15,000	.....	300	175 00	700 00	
Atlantic.....	1	395	.....	5	18	33	7	4	35	300	300	5	7,600	1	1,200	150	.....	
Pocomoke.....	163	.....	2	7	17	2	2	26	139	175	2	1,500	.....	.....	49 00	60 00		
Wicomico.....	1	200	.....	1	4	.....	13	3	27	150	225	2	3,000	1	500	.....	500 00	220 93
Salisbury.....	63	.....	2	.....	5	2	1	15	56	350	1	5,000	.....	100	12 00	72 50		
Berlin.....	4	130	.....	.....	23	4	4	31	179	575	4	3,500	.....	.....	62 00	.....		
Dorchester.....	1	315	.....	5	29	22	29	6	56	300	570	4	13,000	1	2,500	100	65 00	.....
Cambridge.....	1	76	.....	1	17	11	1	10	65	200	1	1,000	.....	150	10 00	.....		
	14	2398	1	24	92	181	106	35	369	2098	3695	33	\$54,400	3	\$4,200	\$1,450	\$1,088 00	\$2,089 68

## GENERAL STATISTICS—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	Local Preachers	MEMBERS.		No. of Deaths.	ADDITIONS	Infants Baptized	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.			MONEY EXPENDED					
		White.	Colored.				By Baptism	On Profes'n of Faith.	Number.	No. Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Ch. Edifices.	Parsonages.	No.	Value.	Value.	Value.
<b>MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.</b>																		
Murfreesboro.....	138	9	3	4	36	6	2	18	206	1	6	\$4,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$1,800 00	
Northampton.....	582	33	13	4	21	6	6	46	427	6	9,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$40 00	500 00	
Meherrin.....	450	25	18	2	14	11	8	65	284	5	5,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	600 00	
Bertie.....	429	14	11	3	31	1	7	50	204	9	5,000	1	600	200	200	30 00	446 00	
Edenton.....	48	3	1	1	14	1	1	10	25	2	6,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	
Hertford.....	796	1	10	2	53	43	179	11	115	551	9	12,000	1	1,700	.....	47 42	460 00	
Pasquotank.....	589	17	20	5	11	6	6	78	450	8	7,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	25 00	
Elizabeth City.....	204	3	3	1	4	5	1	70	200	1	1,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 00	410 93	
Suffolk.....	190	6	12	2	12	2	1	23	138	1	9,000	.....	.....	400	400	75 00	200 00	
Gates.....	878	6	10	2	45	45	18	10	85	410	523	10	9,800	1	1,500	250	12 50	25 00
Southampton.....	450	16	20	4	45	32	4	32	200	6	4,000	1	1,500	.....	.....	40 00	.....	
North Southampton.....	328	23	24	7	7	4	4	35	190	4	5,800	1	1,500	450	450	20 00	775 00	
Dare.....	376	13	32	13	13	56	5	56	208	6	1,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	14 00	700 00	
Chuckatuck.....	273	1	7	13	13	43	5	43	204	5	5,500	.....	.....	140	140	12 94	.....	
	5731	21	65	276	299	261	71	726	3697	6274	73	\$85,700	5	\$6,800	\$2,100	\$458 86	\$5,941 93	
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## RECAPITULATION.—BY DISTRICTS.

RICHMOND DISTRICT.....	15	5,531	8	62	241	457	141	41	675	3,878	8,443	39	211,200	4	\$7,100	\$5,424	\$2,479 34	\$9,441 10
Charlottesville District.....	15	4,577	208	40	277	343	25	63	465	2,852	6,198	66	74,250	6	11,200	1,177	559 08	3,711 66
Lynchburg District.....	16	5,001	14	46	305	313	67	79	686	4,011	5,158	75	107,250	7	15,900	10,785	881 10	4,540 25
Norfolk District.....	18	5,292	1	89	199	316	247	52	758	3,746	10,064	52	154,900	3	7,350	6,151	2,296 24	21,944 61
Petersburg District.....	21	4,471	3	57	219	391	128	52	604	3,160	6,456	64	104,375	3	10,200	2,475	1,694 05	1,995 12
Randolph Macon District.....	29	5,055	31	64	262	361	70	62	684	3,499	7,106	58	75,850	5	7,590	750	873 87	6,991 28
Farmville District.....	17	4,644	25	78	204	419	73	52	519	2,198	4,826	64	70,850	6	9,600	840	396 92	1,010 21
Danville District.....	16	3,731	47	36	255	209	21	60	498	2,852	3,605	67	71,000	7	15,150	2,625	507 65	3,074 00
Eastern Shore District.....	14	2,398	1	24	92	181	106	35	369	2,098	3,695	33	54,400	3	4,200	1,450	1,088 00	2,089 68
Murfreesboro District.....	19	5,731	21	65	276	299	261	71	726	3,697	6,274	73	85,700	5	6,800	2,100	458 86	5,941 93
Total.....	180	46,431	359	561	2330	3289	1139	517	5,984	31,991	61,825	591	1,007,875	49	\$95,090	\$33,777	\$11,235 11	\$60,739 84

## VI. REPORTS.

### REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF RANDOLPH MACON COLLEGE.

The financial condition of the College, which, in these times of unprecedented financial depression, is a subject of very special interest to us all, may be most clearly and comprehensively presented, in the following Tabular Exhibit, to which I desire your patient and thoughtful attention. In this exhibit you have: first, a full statement of the Assets and the Liabilities of the College: secondly, a carefully itemized statement of the Receipts and the Disbursements of the College funds, both as of June 1st, 1874, which is the close of our fiscal year:

#### I.—THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE COLLEGE.

##### ASSETS :

Bonds of the State of Virginia—Old Registered.....	\$14,500 00
Bonds of the State of Virginia—Funded Interest of 1866....	5,208 00
	———— \$19,708 00
Balance due on bond of H. G. McGonegal, secured by deed on old College property in Mecklenburg county, Va....	2,050 00
Balance due on bond of T. F. Goode, Esq.....	2,000 00
Balance due on bond of W. P. Webb, Esq.....	494 08
	———— 4,544 08
Value of real estate in Ashland, Va.....	40,000 00
Value of chemical and philosophical apparatus.....	1,500 00
Value of College library.....	1,200 00
Value of text books and stationery.....	579 41
Value of furniture of College.....	1,000 00
Value of furniture of President's house.....	400 00
Value of furniture of Secretary's office.....	200 00
	———— 4,879 41
Bills receivable for tuition fees.....	773 50
Bills receivable for matriculation fees.....	352 00
Bills receivable for medical fees.....	121 00
Bills receivable for books and stationery.....	198 48
	———— 1,444 98
Individual bonds.....	1,920 00
	————
	\$72,496 47

MEMO.—The unavailable assets, amounting to \$23,118 33, consisting mainly of old endowment and scholarship bonds, are omitted by order of the Board.  
See Journal of June 25, 1873.

##### LIABILITIES :

Bond payable to Benjamin E. Pope, secured by the hypothecation of \$14,500, old registered bonds of Virginia deposited with D'Arcy Paul, Trustee.....	5,684 14
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Balance due the estate of the late Rev. W. A. Smith, D. D.....	1,780 00
Amount of loan negotiated with Wm. Gray, and secured by deed on real estate in Ashland, Va.....	10,000 00
Balance due the City Fire Insurance Company of Richmond, August 14, 1874, on account of Literary Halls.....	2,000 00
Balance due Richmond Architectural Iron Works and Stove Company on account of Literary Halls.....	201 06
Amount bills payable.....	245 00
Note due Va. F. & M. Ins. Co., July, 1874.....	600 00
Advances made by W. K. Watts in the year 1866.....	1,000 00
Balance due Financial Secretary.....	27 92
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	\$21,538 12

## RECAPITULATION.

Assets.....	\$72,496 47
Liabilities.....	21,538 12
Balance in favor of College.....	50,958 35
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	\$72,496 47

## II.—RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF COLLEGE FUNDS.

## RECEIPTS:

By balance, as per report, approved June 25th, 1873.....	293 32
By College fees of session '72-'73—Tuition and Matricula- tion fees.....	767 00
By College fees of session '72-'73—Medical fees.....	77 50
By College fees of session '73-'74—Tuition fees.....	7,567 25
By College fees of session '73-'74—Matriculation fees.....	2,552 50
By College fees of session '73-'74—Medical fees.....	911 00
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By Educational Fund—Baltimore Conference.....	11,875 25
By Educational Fund—Virginia Conference, less \$84.14, reported June 25, 1872.....	1,436 35
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By special donations.....	1,909 91
By amount of contributions to Building Fund.....	3,346 26
By amount received on account of books and stationery.....	1,330 70
By amount received on account of individual bonds.....	761 25
By amount received on diploma account.....	1,750 22
By amount received on advertisements in Catalogue.....	82 50
By amount received from sale of fuel.....	69 00
By amount received on interest account.....	49 50
By amount received for Sutherlin Prize Medal.....	409 70
By amount received for Walton Greek Prize.....	312 48
By amount received from loan of City Fire Insurance Company.....	30 00
By amount received from proceeds of note in Va. F. and M. Ins. Co.....	70 00
By amount received from proceeds of note in M. N. bank.....	5,000 00
By amount received from students' deposits.....	585 90
By balance due Financial Secretary.....	592 00
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	12,212 00
	27 92
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	\$38,798 00

## DISBURSEMENTS:

To President, Rev. Jas. A. Duncan, D. D., on salary.....	2,400 00
To Prof. Thomas R. Price.....	1,900 00
To Prof. Harry Estill.....	1,942 00
To Prof. William A. Shepard.....	1,900 00

To Prof. James A. Harrison.....	1,250 00
To Prof. M. H. Houston, M. D.....	757 30
To Assistant Professor F. C. Woodward.....	562 50
To Assistant Professor R. E. Blackwell.....	260 00
To Assistant Professor R. B. Smithey.....	300 00
To Assistant Professor G. M. Nolley.....	79 00
To Assistant Professor Robert Sharp.....	180 00
To Financial Secretary Alex. G. Brown.....	1,900 00
To Stationer, J. A. Spiers.....	245 00
To Janitor, R. A. Tyler.....	350 00
To Janitor, H. C. Duncan.....	150 00
To Janitor, Jos. Crawley.....	45 00
	— 14,220 80
To interest account.....	1,767 00
To traveling expenses.....	193 00
To postage.....	71 83
To stationery .....	35 72
To fuel.....	611 10
To repairs.....	403 32
To College fees refunded.....	29 25
To printing Catalogue of session '72-'73.....	150 00
To printing College advertisements.....	429 70
To printing miscellaneous matter.....	53 65
	— 633 35
To insurance.....	37 50
To diploma account.....	128 00
To book and stationery account.....	1,656 48
To infirmary.....	63 24
To Building Fund .....	458 91
To Walton Greek Prize.....	29 60
To Sutherlin Prize Medal.....	31 00
To incidentals.....	208 99
To note of Literary Halls in M. N. bank.....	3,000 00
To note of Trustees (given July 1870).....	1,400 00
To note in M. National bank.....	600 00
To note in Virginia F. and M. Ins. Co. for Literary Halls...	601 00
To amount paid Richmond Architectural Iron Works and Stove Co., on account of Literary Halls.....	205 90
To amount paid Thomas Branch (advances made in the purchase of Ashland property).....	200 00
	— 6,006 90
To students' deposits.....	12,212 00
	— \$38,798 00

There are points of special interest in this exhibit to which I ask your attention:

First. The available assets of the College exceed the liabilities in the sum of \$50,958.25, which is an improvement upon the report of last year by the sum of \$2,715.36.

Second. The liabilities of the College are all amply secured; and with the exception of \$11,000, provision has already been made for their gradual liquidation. By prudence and economy in the administration of our finances, if not by any speedy good fortune, we may deliver our cherished Institution from the depressing incubus of unmanageable debts.

Third. The receipts of the College, from all sources, exceed those of last year in the sum of \$5,903.80, which indicates the growing prosperity of the Institution; and yet, our current expenses have exceeded current receipts by the sum of \$458, which suggests the necessity of retrenchment and economy if we would

avoid the fatal rock which has wrecked so many of our most munificent Church enterprises. Any policy which would annually augment the current expenses of the College, without an equivalent increase of its resources, cannot be too carefully avoided.

Fourth. The debts of the College have been considerably reduced during the year, and those that remain have been placed in a much more manageable and agreeable form. The heavy debt on the Literary Halls, which was assumed by the Board of Trustees, and which, principal and interest, amounted to \$6,002, has been paid, except a small balance which is fully provided for and will be paid in a few weeks. This debt was largely due on negotiable notes in the Merchants' National Bank of Richmond, which had been renewed from time to time, as much to my annoyance as against the wishes of the bank. A loan of \$5,000 at 8 per cent., effected with the City Fire Insurance Company of Richmond, upon the note of Thomas F. Goode, Esq., as collateral security, enabled me to take up the note due the Merchants' National Bank, and reduce the amount due the Richmond Architectural Iron Works and Stove Company. This loan has since been reduced by the payment of \$3,000, which leaves \$2,000 yet due, which will be paid in a few days. Fortunately, this very favorable negotiation was effected a few weeks before the appearance of the late *financial panic*, much to the relief of the College and Financial Secretary, for by this means we were safely sheltered at a moment when the raging financial tempest was sweeping over the land, leaving in its track the wreck of so many princely fortunes. The note of \$1,400, given about four years ago to re-imburse Richard Irby, the former Treasurer of the College, for advances made by him, has been paid. The balance due Thomas Branch, on account of advances in the purchase of the College property in Ashland, has been paid.

The means used in the payment of these debts have been realized on the bond given for the purchase of the old College property in Mecklenburg county, Va., and from subscriptions obtained from the friends of the Institution. The debt due the estate of the late President of the College, Rev. W. A. Smith, D. D., will be fully paid in a few weeks. It ought to have been paid earlier, but the failure of John Howard, Esq., to realize on property of the College in his hands, and which is amply sufficient for the purpose, has necessarily delayed us in this matter. But every effort will be made to meet this claim, and turn over the amount due to the family of our venerated father, who wrought so long and so nobly for our College, and who now rests from his labors in hope of a glorious resurrection.

The above exhibit, with the facts and suggestions appended, was submitted to the Board of Trustees at their annual meeting in June last, and was referred by them to an Auditing Committee, composed of two of the most honored and capable members of the Board, both of whom are distinguished lawyers, and worthy members of our Church. The following is their report, which was unanimously adopted by the Board; and which you will pardon me for quoting, since it is an official recognition of the fidelity with which I have striven to perform the duties of the office to which you have appointed me, and which cannot be otherwise than highly gratifying to my brethren, as well as to every sincere friend of the College:

*To the President of the Board of Trustees:*

The Committee, to whom was referred the account of receipts and disbursements of the Financial Secretary during the past fiscal year, respectfully report that they have examined the same. They found the items of disbursement sustained by proper vouchers; and were most favorably impressed with the care and accuracy with which your Financial Secretary has kept his accounts. They also examined his books, and found them not only kept with great neatness, but arranged by a plan admirably adapted to secure accuracy in detail and fullness of information to those who may have occasion to refer to them.

Your Committee observe the gratifying fact that the accounts of the present

year, compared with the year preceding, show an improvement in the financial condition of the College.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EDWARD S. BROWN,  
THOMAS WHITEHEAD.

Thus I have placed before you a full and detailed account of our College finances to the close of the fiscal year in June last; but this account conveys no adequate conception of the difficulties through which these gratifying results have been attained. The Collegiate year had scarcely opened, when from causes, which perhaps it would be impossible to explain, the most distressing financial troubles were precipitated upon the whole country. The wisest schemes of worldly wisdom and enterprise were defeated. The ample fortunes of our most wealthy citizens and corporations were swept away in a few weeks, and the business activities of the country received a shock, from which they are, even now, but slowly recovering.

It was not to be expected that our College would escape altogether the multitudinous evils of such a crisis. Deprived of our endowment fund by the heavy losses of the late war, burdened with a debt which, though small, is, nevertheless, in our straightened circumstances, exceedingly embarrassing, compelled to provide, out of our current receipts, not only for the necessary current expenses of the College, but also for repairs and improvements, for all incidental expenses, and for a heavy interest claim, payable semi-annually, and yet required to remit the tuition fees of nearly half of our students, with no assurance from the educational funds of the patronizing Conferences of an adequate provision to enable us to carry forward this great and blessed work, it will be at once perceived that we had abundant reason to apprehend the most serious consequences.

Thanks to a merciful Providence, we have not only escaped thus far without serious detriment to the precious interest committed to our care, but the prosperity of the College, under these most adverse circumstances, has no parallel in its long and honorable history, and has very far exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its friends. Thus, in reference to our College, we have actually realized the vision of the Prophet who beheld the rising fortunes of Jerusalem, and prophesied of its future glory, saying, "the Street shall be built again, and the Wall, even in troublous times." But you must know that the success thus achieved, under Providence, has imposed many anxious cares and heavy responsibilities of which you, in the very nature of the case, can have but a very imperfect appreciation. It has cost many long hours of earnest thought and patient toil; many trials of faith; many misgivings of the fealty of the Church to this great enterprise; many cries unto God for Divine wisdom to guide, Divine strength to endure. And now that God has most graciously heard our prayers, and blessed our imperfect instrumentality with such signal success, having brought us thus far through the heated furnace of financial trouble, will you not unite with us in grateful praise of His goodness and trustfully commit our College, with all of its precious interests, to the fostering care and benediction of His Providence!

We have exactly Two HUNDRED STUDENTS. Of these 107 are from the Virginia Conference; 56 from the Baltimore Conference; 13 from that part of North Carolina not embraced in the Virginia Conference; 2 from Georgia; 5 from Mississippi; 1 from Tennessee; 5 from Louisiana; 1 from Alabama; 6 from Texas; 3 from Pennsylvania; 1 from New York. Total from States not embraced in patronizing Conferences, 37. Forty-one (41) preparing for the Ministry; 23 are sons of our itinerant pastors; 16 are on ante-bellum scholarships; 5 give their notes for tuition fees, payable two years after they shall have left College—making 85 privileged students from whom we collect no tuition fees. One hundred and fifteen (115) pay their College fees in full.

In regard to the patronage of the Virginia Conference, it will be interesting and instructive, too, to notice the numbers received from the several Districts, and the relation they sustain to the numerical strength of the Church:

DISTRICTS.	No. Students.	Divinity Students.	Sons of Ministers.	Give Notes.	Old Scholarship.	Pay Full College Fees.	Proportion of Students to Membership of Church.	Increase over 1873.	Decrease over 1873.
Richmond .....	6	2	.....	.....	.....	4	1 to 870	.....	.....
Charlottesville.	4	1	1	.....	.....	2	1 to 1100	.....	.....
Lynchburg .....	12	4	2	.....	2	4	1 to 441	.....	.....
Danville.....	4	1	1	.....	1	1	1 to 850	.....	3
Farmville.....	17	3	3	.....	.7	4	1 to 260	5	.....
Petersburg.....	8	2	.....	.....	.....	6	1 to 525	.....	2
Murfreesboro...	9	2	.....	.....	.....	7	1 to 556	.....	.....
Norfolk.....	15	2	2	.....	.....	11	1 to 353	5	.....
Rand. Macon...	25	3	7	2	4	9	1 to 192	.....	8
Eastern Shore..	7	2	1	.....	.....	4	1 to 329	2	.....
Total.....	107	22	17	2	14	52	1 to 420	19	.....

It appears from these figures that while the patronage of the Farmville, Norfolk and Eastern Shore Districts have yielded an increase of students over last year of 12, the Richmond, Charlottesville, Lynchburg, Danville, Murfreesboro and Randolph-Macon Districts have fallen off 31, which makes for the Conference, as a unit, a net decrease of 19. Brethren, why this decrease of patronage from the Virginia Conference? Our Church membership, now 44,609, is larger than ever before. The College was never more worthy. Does the pecuniary distress of the country explain it? Behold, the Baltimore Conference, from which we have a gratifying increase of students over last year, of 15. Is not the financial trouble as great in the Baltimore as in the Virginia Conference? Then, I would emphasize the question. Why this falling off in the patronage of the MOTHER CONFERENCE? Are the College officials to be blamed? Then do not spare us. Have you faithfully served this great interest of the Church? Have you urged the people in your respective charges, to send their sons to Randolph-Macon, where they may receive the highest culture under the benign influences of the Church of their fathers? Have you earnestly striven to arouse the slumbering conscience of the Church on the subject of denominational education, and the imperative claims of our denominational schools and colleges? Whether in the Pulpit, preaching the Word; in the family a faithful pastor; in the closet, lifting up your soul to God in prayer, have you, everywhere and at all times, "done what you could" in this supremely important department of our great Church work?

The tuition fees remitted in favor of privileged students, foot up as follows:

Remitted in favor of Ministerial Students.....	\$3,075 00
"      "      "      sons of ministers.....	1,725 00
"      "      "      on account of scholarship.....	1,200 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$6,000 00</b>

Of this \$3,925, or nearly two-thirds of the whole, is in favor of students from the Virginia Conference; for of the 107 students from this Conference, more than half are exempt from the payment of tuition fees. These facts illustrate very forcibly, the liberal policy of the Institution, and the great and blessed work it is still doing, especially in the bounds of the Virginia Conference, where for more than forty years it has wrought so faithfully and efficiently in the interests of Christian civilization. Do you object to this policy as too liberal for an institution in straightened circumstances? Do you ask, why has it been adopted at Randolph-Macon? We reply, because Randolph-Macon College is not an individual enterprise; is not a mere business venture in which we have embarked

for the sordid purpose of individual aggrandizement, or pecuniary gain. No ; it is a Church Institution. It was founded by the Church. Its first Board of Trustees were Methodist preachers. Its Board of Trustees is to-day exclusively composed of Methodist preachers and laymen. Two of its officers are ministerial members of this Conference. It has a Methodist Pastor, and Methodist preaching twice each Sabbath ; a Methodist Sunday-school, under the charge of one of its professors, who is an official member of the Methodist Church ; it maintains the time-honored usages of Methodism. The Class Meeting flourishes ; Prayer Meetings are regularly held. The fire of the Holy Ghost burns upon her altars. We have glorious revivals. Souls are converted under our ministry. Randolph Macon, therefore, is not a secular or civil institution. No ; it is an Institution of the Methodist Church. In a word, it is the Methodist Church in the bounds of the Virginia and Baltimore Conferences, engaged in the work of education. And is not this a legitimate work of the Church ? Behold the Church of the Old Testament, with her School and Synagogue, one and inseparable ; behold the Church of the first centuries of the Christian era, whose most illustrious fathers were teachers as well as preachers, and whose Sixth General Council directed presbyters to establish schools in towns and villages ; behold, in the history of modern Christian missions, in the Sandwich Islands, in Madagascar, in Greenland, in Syria, in Hindostan, the School and the Church grow together as branches of the same parent stock ; behold the Wesleys, how they strove to make the school a potent factor in the forces of their most glorious mission ; behold the early fathers of American Methodism, and their worthy successors in General Conferences from 1796 to 1874, how they plead for education as one of the normal functions of the Church ! And shall we be indifferent to this great work of Christian beneficence ? Shall we prove ourselves the degenerate sons of such noble sires as a Wesley, a Coke, an Asbury, a Leigh, an Early, a Smith, and a host of the sainted dead who rest from their labors, while their works remain to bless and encourage the Church of God ? How do these remarks relate to the subject specially before us ? Why, if Randolph Macon is a Church Institution, and if the Church, in establishing this College, acted within the terms of her great Commission, it is not only the duty of the Church to sustain the College, but it is the imperative duty of the College to do the work of the Church. Hence she educates her ministers free of tuition. She remits the tuition fees of sons of our itinerant pastors. She extends the most favorable terms to worthy young men who, though struggling against poverty, aspire to the blessings of a collegiate training ; and through the potent agency of sanctified learning she seeks to help forward the great work of the Church. Pardon me, if I have dwelt too long upon this subordinate idea of my report. But this idea, though subordinate, is of inestimable practical value. It underlies our educational work, it inspires our educators with a holy zeal for God in their noble calling, it has cheered my own heart in the office to which you have appointed me.

The urgent demand for new College buildings and for an endowment fund has been brought to your attention in a special communication from the Board of Trustees, to which I respectfully refer you.

Earnestly invoking the Divine blessing upon you, my brethren, upon your families and pastoral charges, I am, very truly,

ALEX. G. BROWN,  
Financial Secretary Randolph Macon College.

## ON EDUCATION.

### REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Education have considered the communication of the Board of Trustees of Randolph Macon College, and unanimously recommend that the Conference adopt the plan it proposes, viz :

1. That we seek to raise within the bounds of the Virginia Conference \$50,000

for the College, to be expended in the erection of suitable buildings under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

2. That a committee be appointed by the Conference to apportion this amount among the Districts of the Conference; this apportionment having the force not of an assessment, but of an urgent request and recommendation of the Conference in order to distribute the burden of the support of a common interest equitably among all our churches.

3. That all the preachers be solicited to do their utmost to secure the full amounts apportioned to their respective Districts; and that in addition the Conference request and urge such ministers as Rev. J. A. Duncan, D. D., and A. G. Brown shall select for the purpose, to aid them in traveling through the Conference and appealing to the people in behalf of this fund, and that the churches be affectionately asked to consent to such absence of their pastors as may be necessary to carry out this great purpose.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. GRANBERRY, Chairman.

#### REPORT NO. 2.

The continued prosperity of Randolph Macon demands our hearty thanksgiving to the Head of the Church. We had reason to fear a decrease of patronage on account of the severe financial distress which has prevailed in every part of the land for more than a year. But this evil has not followed. There are already two hundred matriculates the present session, and we may hope for a considerable addition the next half term. Stately buildings and a large endowment, however desirable as helps to success, do not constitute a College. Randolph Macon has a curriculum which meets the needs of our people, a faculty able, learned, faithful, enthusiastic, and a large number of students year after year to seek its benefits. The good deportment of these young men and their progress in learning and mental culture, as a rule, with few exceptions, are a source of great rejoicing. As Christians, and as Methodists, we rejoice and praise God yet more for the deep and sound and fervid spiritual experience possessed by so many of the students, and the devotion with which they are inspired to the Church for his sake.

Forty-one young men are now preparing themselves for the work of the ministry at the College. Six of its students have been received into our Conference at the present session. God forbid that we should trust in human wisdom, and not in the demonstration of the Holy Ghost and of power; yet we are glad when learning and trained minds are consecrated to his service, and we pray and believe that they will be accepted and blessed by him. Twenty-three sons of itinerant ministers are receiving instruction without charge. The whole number of students from whom no tuition fees are obtained is eighty-five.

We call special attention to the importance of raising every dollar of the assessments to aid the College. These assessments go to defray the current expenses; and, in combination with our large patronage, will suffice to keep the Institution out of debt, if they be fully paid. But any deficiency here must embarrass the College; and a debt which grows year after year would prove ruinous. The Financial Secretary will show a clear sheet at the close of each session--all the liabilities met--provided the amounts assessed be fully raised. We are more emphatic in urging this point because the plan already adopted to raise \$50,000 as a building fund will interfere with special collections by the Secretary to provide for a deficit in the regular educational fund. In this enterprise of raising money for buildings we must not allow the current expenses for the Institution to exceed the receipts and run it into debt.

We are happy to report the increased prosperity of all our female Colleges—five in number. These ask not for pecuniary aid, nor for agents, but only for the patronage they so richly merit. They seem not be in each other's way—not to be rivals except in a friendly sense, as they may stir up one another to zeal and energy. There is room for them all—work for them all; and we rejoice in their

success, and bid them God speed, knowing that they are our helpers in Christ Jesus. The young ladies who are taught in the institutions return home with a deep and intelligent love for the Church, their mother.

The Wesleyan Female College, at Murfreesboro, N. C., enjoys an unparalleled prosperity. Last Conference we reported 120 students ; this session, 160. These figures speak louder than words. Rev. W. G. Starr, the President, is so well-known, not only to our body, but to the Church within the bounds of our Conference, that we need only mention his name. He is assisted by a large corps of faithful teachers.

Mrs. F. M. Wright, the accomplished Principal of the Petersburg Female College, has been fortunate in associating with herself Wm. B. Carr, A. M., a genial Christian gentleman, well-known to us as eminently qualified for the place by scholarship, experience, and aptness to teach. The present is the most prosperous session the College has had since the war.

The same may be said of the Southern Female College in Petersburg, of which W. T. Davis, A. M., is President. A clear intellect, thoroughness of knowledge, the love of system, and a firm but kind and courteous authority, qualify him to be the head of such an institution.

Rev. J. D. Arnold, a Master of Arts of Randolph Macon, presides over the Danville Female College. He has been employed for years in this work, and proved his fitness for it. The College has a larger number of students this year than the past, and we hope will be well supported by our people, especially in the Danville District, to which it is an ornament and a treasure worthy to be prized.

Rev. R. M. Saunders, a member of this Conference, is Principal of the Norfolk Collegiate Institute. We believe it to be one of the most thorough and complete Colleges in the land ; the course of study is extensive ; the corps of instructors fully competent ; the grade of scholarship high.

Rev. Paul Whitehead presides over the youngest of our Colleges—that at Farmville ; but he and the other members of the faculty are not novices, but adepts, masters, in the work. Parents need not fear to commit their daughters to the care of this College. They will be taught and trained with a conscientious and sympathetic fidelity and vigilance, which will extend over their studies, health, comfort and morals. This is the second session, and the number of pupils is 70—a gratifying improvement ; and there is strong cause to predict a steady increase.

We would mention gratefully that all these Colleges offer special privileges to the daughters of our itinerant preachers—some greater, some less—according to their several ability.

We recommend the following resolutions:

1. That we rejoice in the increased prosperity of Randolph Macon College at Ashland, Va.; the Wesleyan Female College, at Murfreesboro, N. C.; the Petersburg and Southern Female Colleges at Petersburg ; the Danville Female College ; the Norfolk Collegiate Institute , and the Farmville Female College.

2. That we commend all these institutions to the confidence and patronage of our own Church and of the general public, and believe that they are doing a noble work in the cause of Christian education.

3. That we request the Presiding Bishop to appoint Rev. James A. Duncan President and Rev. A. G. Brown Financial Secretary of Randolph Macon ; Rev. W. G. Starr President of the Wesleyan Female College ; Rev. R. M. Saunders Principal of the Norfolk Collegiate Institute ; and Rev. Paul Whitehead President of the Farmville Female College.

4. That the Board of Finance be instructed to assesss \$3,000 as an educational fund, to be raised the next year, for Randolph Macon College ; and that all our preachers in charge be urged to recommend the College, and to seek with all pains and diligence to raise the full amounts assessed in its behalf.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. GRANBERRY, Chairman.

### REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The larger part of the appropriations made by this Board for the year now closing, was not to fields of labor known as Missions, but to feeble Circuits and Stations. These report, not to us, but directly to the Conference; hence we are not prepared to state the full work which has been accomplished. It must be borne in mind, however, that the help afforded these appointments was greatly needed, and properly comes under the head of Home Evangelization. In the suburbs of our cities, and in certain Circuits where our members are few, or poor, there must be aid from a general fund, or our Church cannot be built up in those communities, and we will not do our duty in supplying them Christian privileges. It would be unjust and disastrous to send preachers to these places and not assist in supporting them out of our own missionary collections.

I have received reports from the following Missions: Piedmont, Leesville, Dan River, Lynchburg, Alleghany, and the German.

Rev. G. W. Baily has been in charge of Piedmont Mission, which embraces parts of Madison, Rappahannock, and Culpeper counties. It is in a prosperous state—60 have been converted this year, and 66 added to the Church. Brother Baily preaches to fifteen hundred people. They are very poor. He has collected \$115 for the missionary cause, \$100 for repairing churches, and \$5 for Sunday School books.

Rev. J. H. Kabler has labored on Leesville Mission. There are three churches and two other preaching places—163 members, 47 have been converted, 36 added to our Church. Congregations are large and attentive; the Mission has improved in all its interests. Sunday Schools were kept up during the summer. All the available territory is already occupied, so the Mission cannot be enlarged.

Rev. W. S. Creasy reports Dan River Mission is doing well and promising to become a very good field. Congregations are large; members, 151 white and 10 colored. There have been several conversions. Raised for the support of the missionary \$150.

Rev. J. H. Patterson has had charge of Lynchburg City Mission. The work he thinks encouraging and promising. One church has been organized—Madison chapel in the village of Madison, on the Amherst side of the river. It started in the beginning of the Conference year with a membership of 44, and now numbers 84. There have been 50 conversions on the Mission. Preaching and prayer-meetings are kept up also at Wardlow, a village in Amherst, above Lynchburg. At Madison chapel there is a Sunday School of 80 scholars, well-officered and supplied with books. These, under the care of Brother Patterson, are chiefly young Christians, and they evince a steady earnestness in their Christian labors and a desire for greater spiritual growth that are an example that deserves to be followed. Purchased this year \$50 worth of books.

Rev. S. T. Adams, a young preacher now at Randolph Macon, labored during the year on Alleghany Mission, a new field. It is located in Henry, Patrick, and Franklin counties. There are perhaps 700 square miles without a Methodist Church. We have fifteen members and 75 Sunday scholars. A house of worship is now in course of erection.

Rev. H. T. Bacon has been in charge of Clarksville Mission. The congregations have increased. We have thirty members in Clarksville and twenty-two in Lewis chapel. The Sunday School in Clarksville is very prosperous; there is a interesting Bible class of young ladies, taught by the pastor, five of whom have been converted since their connection with the school.

The German Mission, Rev. E. N. S. Blogg, the Superintendent, purchased last January a suitable lot in the city of Richmond, on which has been built a neat and substantial brick church, 34 by 50 feet, at the cost of \$5,000 for both ground and house. Near \$2,200 in cash have been raised chiefly by Brother Blogg, with some aid from the pastor, Rev. F. Bickel. A part of the remaining debt he hopes

to pay soon from the proceeds of the sale of the German chapel in Petersburg. The Mission in that city failed, and the house was sold to pay a debt of \$600 on it. Brother Bickel's labors have been crowned with success in the conversion of eleven persons, and their accession to our Church. Three of the members have removed this year to Baltimore; the present number is 40. The Sunday School has 50 scholars, 7 officers and teachers. Raised by them the present year to pay current expenses of church and school \$91.75; \$121 have been subscribed already for the next year. One of the converts of last year has been licensed to preach by a Quarterly Conference in Baltimore, and will join the German Conference to be organized next month.

Rev. C. Evers was appointed to the Campbell German Mission, including the city of Lynchburg. Besides filling his regular appointments in Campbell, and visiting and preaching to a German colony in Lunenburg. Brothers Evers, having spare time, commenced early in the year to hold prayer meetings among the lowest classes in Lynchburg and at the alms-house. This work has been blessed in the conversion of 35 persons.

Brother Blogg has labored a part of the time in Baltimore, and a part in Virginia; chiefly in Richmond in our Conference, because his services were there most needful and profitable.

The Board paid \$80 on the appropriations made at the last Conference. With this report the duties of the old Board are closed up.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. EDWARDS, *President.*

J. C. GRANBERRY, *Secretary.*

#### ON PUBLISHING INTERESTS.

The publication and circulation of religious literature is a work second only to that of preaching the gospel, in fact we may say it is the *silent*, but often potent means of disseminating the gospel in localities not reached by the Christian ministry. Perhaps no man was ever more fully impressed with this important truth than Mr. Wesley, for the printing press was as much his pulpit as the sacred desk, and from it he and his coadjutors sent forth a stream of light that flooded England with glory, spread the "truth as it is in Jesus" over that land, and sent a tidal wave of "scriptural holiness" to our own.

The early preachers were the most efficient agents in the circulation of this literature, traveling over large areas of country, they thought it their duty always to carry our Methodist publications and sell them to the people, and if we desire that our people should be informed as to our distinctive doctrines we must follow their noble example, for if our books are to be circulated the preachers must circulate them. We are pained to learn that in this respect we are behind all the Conferences east of the Mississippi river, (except one.)

The best means for the relief of our Publishing House at Nashville, and all that our Agents ask is the circulation of the books and periodicals published by the House, so that we have a double motive to urge to this great and important work—the relief of the House, and the good to be accomplished by the dissemination of the truth.

We endorse the suggestion of our Agent, that our preachers "send to the

Depository for as many Catalogues as they may wish to distribute among their people, and after placing them in their hands, solicit them to subscribe for such books as they may want. By the time they have visited the families of their charge, they will have enough books sold to make a good order. They may safely add to these as many more, which, while they are distributing those already engaged, they will be able to sell.

We have a rich supply of periodical literature in the Advocate, S. S. Magazine, Lesson Papers, Visitor, Little People, and Our Missionary, all of which, but especially, the S. S. Magazine we fully endorse and recommend to our people.

We hail with pleasure the continued publication of the Southern Quarterly Review as a valuable addition to our standard literature.

In our own Conference we have one of the oldest of our church papers, the Richmond Christian Advocate having been established forty-two years ago, to it we should give a liberal patronage, so that it should be in every family within the bounds of our Conference; we are glad to report a valuable accession to its editorial management in Rev. J. J. Lafferty, and also that it now has a larger circulation than any period since the war.

In conclusion we submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we rejoice in the increased facilities for supplying our charges with the literature of our Church in the establishment of a depository in Richmond, under the charge of Lafferty & Co., and we take great pleasure in commending this enterprise to the liberal patronage of the ministers and members of our Church.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our high appreciation of the services rendered our ministers and members by T. L. D. Walford, of Richmond, for keeping constantly on hand for several years past a supply of our Nashville publications, and that as he proposes to do the same in the future, we cordially recommend his establishment to the patronage of our ministers and members.

3. *Resolved*, That we recognize the Richmond Christian Advocate, edited and published by Revs. W. W. Bennett and J. J. Lafferty, as the old established organ of our Church within the bounds of this Conference, a journal eminently deserving a place in every Methodist family, and we pledge our energies to enlarge its circulation.

4. *Resolved*, That we most cordially recommend the periodicals issued by our Publishing House, viz: The Christian Advocate, S. S. Magazine and Lesson Papers, Visitor, Our Little People and Our Missionary, as worthy of increased patronage.

5. *Resolved*, That we heartily endorse the Southern Quarterly Review, edited by Rev. A. T. Bledsoe, L. L. D., as worthy of a place in every family, and we urge our preachers and people to subscribe for it.

6. *Resolved*, That we recommend to our brethren who find it more convenient to do so, to purchase the publications of our Nashville House, at the Baltimore Book and Publishing Co., under the management of Rev. Eugene R. Smith.

7. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the Protestant public, the Book recently published by Rev. J. D. Blackwell, A. M. D. D., of the Virginia Conference, entitled, "God's WORD OUR GUIDE, OR SCRIPTURAL CHRISTIANITY VINDICATED," as a triumphant refutation of Romish error, and in the circulation of which all Protestants are equally interested.

GEORGE C. VANDERSLICE, *Chairman.*

#### ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From the facts in possession of your committee, gathered from the statistical reports made to the Conference, and from the reports made by the District Sunday School Agents appointed by the Presiding Elders, we are glad to state that there is a growing interest in the Sunday School work in the bounds of the Virginia Conference.

The Sunday School is now recognized as one of the most important fields for Christian activity and enterprise known to the Church, in which all Christians

may comply with the divine injunction "Go work to-day in my vineyard." While a large number of our members are earnestly engaged in this work, we regret to say that many of them take but little or no part in it, and it becometh us, while we earnestly appeal to the entire membership of our church to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty," to unite our prayers to "the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into this vineyard."

We rejoice to report that many of our Sunday Schools have enjoyed very gracious seasons of revivals of religion during the year in which hundreds have been converted to Christ. The following districts report an increase in scholars :

Richmond District.....	228
Charlottesville     " .....	390
Danville         " .....	255
Lynchburg        " .....	740
Farmville        " .....	53
Petersburg       " decrease.....	106
Murfreesboro     " .....	779
Norfolk          " .....	46
Randolph Macon " .....	395
Eastern Shore     " decrease .....	179

Two districts report a decrease.

The following districts have had no Sunday School Agent during the year : Richmond, Norfolk, Danville, Lynchburg, Petersburg, Murfreesboro and Randolph Macon, as required by the resolution adopted at our last Conference.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

*Resolved 1st.* That the Presiding Elder of each District be requested to gather all the statistics of the Sunday Schools in each pastoral charge in his District, and report the same to the chairman of the Sunday School Committee at each Annual Conference on the first day of session, as follows :

First. General Statistics, including moneys collected for Sunday School purposes.

Second. Number of periodicals taken.

Third. Number of conversions.

Fourth. Number of children attending public worship.

Fifth. Mode of conducting schools.

Sixth. Comparative number of schools suspending during winter.

*Resolved 3d.* That we recommend that our Sunday Schools adopt the "Uniform Lessons and Little People," published at Nashville by our Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Haygood, as the system of instruction for our Sunday Schools.

*Resolved 4th.* That we urge our pastors and Sunday School workers, in connection with the "Uniform Lessons," to introduce our catechisms into all our schools, and see that they are faithfully taught to our children.

*Resolved 5th.* That we cordially commend to the patronage of our people and Sunday Schools, the Sunday School Magazine and Sunday School Visitor published in Nashville, and the Sunday School Record, edited by Geo. W. Armistead, and published weekly in Richmond by Rev. R. H. Mullen, as valuable helps to our Sunday School workers and worthy of their support.

*Resolved 6th.* That as the great aim of Sunday School instruction is to lead our children to Christ, we urge our pastors and Sunday School workers to hold prayer-meetings in connection with our Sunday Schools, whenever practicable.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. LUMPKIN, Chairman.

## YOUNG PREACHERS' EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

As the President of the Young Preachers' Education Board, I would report that the whole amount collected for ministerial education since the 26th of last November is \$1,313 46, and out of this we paid the expenses of seven young preachers, in whole, or in part at Randolph Macon College, from the beginning to the close of the last term ending June 27, and the expenses of four others in whole, and one in part, from the beginning of the present session to the first of next month, leaving now in our Treasury the sum of \$195. From the above, it will appear that we have undertaken to furnish the means of defraying all the expenses at our College, of four young preachers who are preparing for the ministry, for the present term ending on the 27th of next June, and one other in part; and in a very little while we shall have to take under our auspices at least two others and carry them through the whole term. To do this will require no less than \$800, from which if we deduct the sum of \$195 now in hand we shall have remaining \$605. Now how are we to raise this amount? It must be raised or our young men must leave College and return to their homes. We cannot permit this. The old preachers are dying or wearing out and retiring from the work, others are growing old and will soon be as they; the young strong men of the Conference are few, and their number is not sufficient adequately to supply our numerous charges. Our territory is extending every year, and the desire for more preaching in the country constantly increasing, and therefore we must educate our destitute young men whom God has called to the ministry, to make up for our losses and supply the great demand that is now upon us.

We are gratified to know that although our Board has been in existence only four years, we have educated and brought into our Conference five young men who would probably have been lost to the church as preachers of the gospel. We have extended aid to several others, and if we shall be furnished in the future with the requisite means, we shall be able to continue the successful prosecution of our work, and furnish our Conference every year several well educated young men, of whom the church will not be ashamed.

But we must have within the next seven months the sum of \$605 to meet the expenses of the young men now at College; and in view of this fact we beg leave to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That as an expression of the importance of ministerial education, and the interest we feel in the work of our Educational Board, we proceed at once to take up a collection and subscription to raise this amount.

D. P. WILLS, President.

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## ON BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause, having carefully weighed the subject committed to their consideration, beg leave to submit the following as the result of their deliberations:

Your committee has no argument to present in favor of the propriety and duty of providing for the faithful distribution of the Word of God among all classes and conditions of society. This we believe commends itself to the hearty approval of the Conference and church which we represent, and needs no words from us to

establish its claims to a position of high importance among the multiplied instrumentalities of Christian usefulness. Especial attention, however, is to be directed to the particular channel through which our operations in this direction have been carried forward, and its right to our continued confidence and support. The American Bible Society has always been recognized by the whole body of Methodists as having a claim upon their patronage from the foundation of the organization to the present day. The Virginia Bible Society which co-operates with the American Bible Society, is more directly interested in the distribution of the Word of God within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and with this Society we have become, more or less identified in carrying forward the great work now under consideration. As a Conference we have supplied it with agents. As a church we have contributed to its funds, and committed to it the task of searching out those who are deserving of its benefactions. There is no abatement of the claims of this Society upon our hearty support; on the contrary, the destitution of the Word of God in many portions of our Conference, as developed by the labors of the Virginia Bible Society, together with the apathy manifested by some portions of the church, considered as a whole, in its efficient support, imposes upon us the obligation of a renewed and more liberal effort to sustain it in the work of giving the bread of life to the hungry and starving poor. Every member of the Conference should feel that a personal obligation rests upon him to lend a helping hand to this noblest of all the benevolent enterprises of the day. We therefore, commend for the adoption of the Conference, the following resolutions, to-wit :

1. *Resolved*, That as heretofore, we occupy the position of friends to the American Bible Society, rejoice in the great work it is doing in the world in the circulation of the Bible without note or comment.
2. *Resolved*, That as a Methodist Conference we hereby express our unabated confidence in the management of the Virginia Bible Society, and that we feel a growing interest in its success, in giving a copy of the Holy Scriptures to every destitute family in our borders.
3. *Resolved*, That all our pastors be requested to co-operate with the Agents of the Virginia Bible Society, and with its auxiliary societies, where such societies are accessible, and to see to it that a collection be taken in every pastoral charge for the Bible cause, during the early part of the Conference year, and remitted to the General Agent, in Richmond.
4. *Resolved*, That we hereby request the Bishop now presiding in this Conference, to appoint the Rev. John G. Rowe, as Agent for this Society.
5. *Resolved*, That the Agent so appointed, be requested to report to this Conference the amount contributed by the Methodist congregations within the bounds of the Virginia Conference, and the number of Bibles distributed among them.

GEORGE W. NOLLEY, Chairman.

#### PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY—PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The Directors of "The Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, and their Families, their Widows and Orphans," respectfully report :

That the operations of the Society for the past Conference year have been energetically pressed upon the attention of the Methodist public within the bounds of the Conference, and we believe are awakening a greater concern than at any time heretofore.

The Society having in its infancy necessarily to resort to extraordinary means to bring its objects and purposes before the Church, expended a considerable sum in the payment of an agent's salary and otherwise. But the agent was discontinued a year ago, and since then the objects of the Society have been pursued through the agency of a secretary and treasurer.

In Brother J. H. Dawson, of Norfolk, we have a most efficient secretary and treasurer, who has with great pains systemized and arranged its operations, and now it needs only the active co-operation of the ministers to make the Society a grand success.

Shall we have such aid? We hope the response will be cordial, earnest, and unanimous, *that we shall!*

The statement of Brother Dawson shows cash on hand, three thousand and seventy-three dollars and eighty-five cents (\$3,073 85); that the entire expenses incurred in operating the Society for the current year have been only three hundred and ninety-two dollars (\$392), as against twelve hundred and fifty-eight dollars and sixteen cents (\$1,258 16) the preceding year; that the number of subscribers has increased one hundred and thirty (130); and that the aggregate subscriptions amount to forty-three thousand seven hundred and twenty-two dollars fifty cents (\$43,722 50)—an increase of two thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$2,799 50).

The Exchange National bank of Norfolk, Va., is the depository of the funds of the Society, and interest at the rate of six per cent. per annum is allowed on the funds there deposited.

The objects of the Society should need no argument now to commend them to the Church. The necessity for a fund to aid such of our preachers as are strengthened in their work, and others, proper beneficiaries of the Society, is potent to the Conference; and unless some such provision is made as is contemplated by this Society, how are the wants of the necessitous, who have no claims on our "Conference collection," to be supplied? As yet, no other remedy is suggested.

Let us, then, make the success of the Society certain. This can be done, it is confidently believed, this Conference year, if the ministers will lend a helping hand.

The report of Brother Dawson, explaining the operations of the Society for the year, is as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

Receipts and Disbursements of "The Society for the Relief of the Preachers of the Virginia Conference, M. E. Church, South, their Families, their Widows and Orphans," from the 4th of December, 1873, to the 23d of November, 1874, inclusive.

#### RECEIPTS :

1873.

December 4, Balance on hand this date on deposit and interest	\$1,579 90
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1874.

November 23, Amount received to this date in payment of subscriptions.....	1,738 50
Amount cash collections and donations.....	38 00
Interest on funds deposited up to October 1, 1874.....	109 45
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	1,885 95
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	\$3,465 85

#### DISBURSEMENTS :

1874.

November 23, Amount paid for printing catalogues, circulars, &c., to this date.....	47 25
Postage and stationery,.....	44 75
Secretary's and Treasurer's salary, 1 year to December 1, '74... ..	300 00
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	392 00
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	\$3,073 85

Balance on hand this date as follows :  
 At interest in Exchange National bank, Norfolk..... 2,173 35  
 Cash in hand, Elizabeth City..... 900 50

----- 3,073 85

The comparative results of 1873 and 1874 may be stated as follows :  
 Whole number of members in November, 1873..... 1,418 00  
 Whole number of members in November, 1874..... 1,548 00  
 Aggregate amount of subscriptions November, 1873..... \$40,923 00  
 Aggregate amount of subscriptions November, 1874..... 43,722 50  
 Total receipts from November 15, 1872, to December 3, 1873..... 2,044 58  
 Total receipts from December 4, 1873, to November 23, 1874..... 1,885 95  
 Total expenses of Society in 1872-'73..... 1,258 16  
 Total expenses of Society in 1873-'74..... 392 00

Your Secretary has been endeavoring during the current year to make use of all the means within his reach to advance the interests of the Society, by earnest appeals and by application in person and through the mails, for the payment of subscriptions. He has had printed one thousand copies of a pamphlet, stating the objects and needs of the Society, and containing a list of subscriptions and payments to the 15th of May, 1874; which pamphlets have been distributed largely through the Conference.

Besides these, there have been sent out several hundred smaller circulars and blank forms to guide agents and facilitate collections. Efforts were made to secure efficient action in our behalf at the sessions of the several District Conferences; monthly statements of the moneys received in payment of subscriptions were published in the *Richmond Christian Advocate*; and various means made use of to bring our work prominently and impressively before our people.

Some fruit, we are persuaded, has followed these efforts. We have been moderately successful in securing new subscribers and in collecting old subscriptions. But perhaps the principal end attained by the present year's work has been the fixing more generally and fully in the minds of the Methodist community within our Conference bounds, some adequate idea of the reality and importance of the objects we have in view. This impression is itself of great value to us, and will, we trust, be as the sowing and cultivating preliminary to the harvest.

It is proper, perhaps, to say to the Board, that we have not found the hearty co-operation we had reason to expect. The Society has many warm friends; but there are some who, to a great extent, ignore it. We hope, by persistent fidelity in the good cause, to remove prejudice, if there be any, and to secure the active aid of those who may have hitherto taken no interest in its success.

A very important and the most laborious part of the work I now have in hand is to organize our operations by obtaining full and correct lists of subscribers in the multiplied localities of our extended territory, and to secure zealous and efficient agents who will attend to the real practical work of securing new subscribers and collecting amounts due the Society. The effects of the want of a perfected plan of collection have been seriously felt during the year just past.

Nearly one hundred laymen have this year been appointed agents and collectors; but, owing to the fact of their very recent appointment, few of them have been able to do much effective work so far. Our ministerial brethren are recognized agents, and it is to be hoped that they will soon come to a more general and hearty sympathy and co-operate with the laity in urging the high and commanding claims which we feel our Society presents to the favor of our people.

With the above report I beg leave to present my books and vouchers, requesting the appointment of a committee of the Board to examine and report on the same.

J. H. DAWSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

Elizabeth City, N. C., November 23, 1874.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN R. KILBY, President.

Elizabeth City, N. C., November 24, 1874.

[For resolutions adopted in connection with this report, see Journal of Proceedings, page 11.]

## ON THE HALL FUND.

The undersigned Trustees of the Hall Fund of the Virginia Conference, beg leave to report that they have received from Rev. L. M. Lee, the following bonds:

Bonds of the State of Virginia, issued under Act of Assembly,

March 30, 1871, No. 356.....	\$500 00
" 1,223.....	100 00
" 1,224.....	100 00
" 1,225.....	100 00
" 1,226.....	I00 00
	_____ \$900 00

Bond of State of Virginia known as West Virginia certificate,

No. 1,706.....	453 70
Bond of State of Virginia, for unpaid interest, No. 1,228.....	7 40
" " " " " " 657.....	9 00
" " " " " " 5,053.....	9 00
	_____ \$479 10

Total Virginia Bonds.....	\$1,379 10
Bond of A. H. Redford, Agent S. M. P. House.....	1,600 00
Interest on same to date November 13, 1874.....	48 00
	_____ \$3,027 10

Respectfully submitted.

ALEX. G. BROWN,  
W. W. BENNETT.

Elizabeth City, N. C., November 23, 1874.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL BOOK AGENT.

To the Bishop and Members of the Virginia Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South:

DEAR BRETHREN:—In entering upon the labors and duties of another term of office, it may not be improper to refer to the amount of assets we found when we were placed in charge of the Publishing House in 1866, together with the gradual increase of the capital since that time. Over and above all liabilities, on

July 1, 1866, the assets of the House amounted to.....	\$87,165 70
July 1, 1867,     "     "     "     "     " .....	103,540 27
July 1, 1868,     "     "     "     "     " .....	124,075 59
July 1, 1869,     "     "     "     "     " .....	170,183 97
July 1, 1870,     "     "     "     "     " .....	188,352 65
July 1, 1871,     "     "     "     "     " .....	216,547 55
July 1, 1872,     "     "     "     "     " .....	229,736 78
July 1, 1873,     "     "     "     "     " .....	276,117 43
July 1, 1874,     "     "     "     "     " .....	314,037 11

It will be seen from the above figures that within the past eight years, under difficulties which at times seemed insurmountable, the capital of our Publishing House has increased from \$87,165 70 to \$314,037 11; making a difference of \$226,871 41.

It is proper, however, to state that for \$40,002 01 of this amount we are indebted to the liberality of the Church and other friends, whose contributions were made for the purpose of rebuilding the house after the fire in February, 1872.

Notwithstanding the large capital we possess over and above the liabilities of the Publishing House, we are not unmindful that our indebtedness is not only large, but very embarrassing. Our Exhibit shows an indebtedness of \$219,540 81. This debt has been mainly incurred in the purchase of additional ground for our building, and in its erection. To pay the full amount of this debt during our present term of office is our hope and purpose. We are aware that the achievement of such a result will require energy and vigilance on our own part, and the hearty co-operation of the Church, both in the ministry and laity throughout the Connection. We promise the one, and *confidently expect the other*. If in the past eight years the capital of the House has been increased \$226,871 41, commencing as we did without credit, with our people prostrated by misfortune, confronted too by a fearful fire and by the most alarming panic that has ever swept over the country, we can see no reason why we may not, in the full enjoyment of the confidence of the commercial world, with our membership largely increased in numbers and wealth, and possessing all the facilities for prosecuting our business that we desire, liquidate entirely, previous to the General Conference of 1878, the present liabilities of the House.

For the success which has attended our agency, we take pleasure in acknowledging our indebtedness to the preachers and the Church. The preachers have been the active agents in recovering the fortunes of our House, and placing it on the high elevation it occupies to-day; and to them we look in the future, as in the past, for their active co-operation and support.

To relieve the House of all embarrassment during the time we have specified, we do not ask the contribution of a single dollar, only through the legitimate channels of trade. The circulation of the books published by our House, and of our periodicals, together with our receipts for job work, are our main dependence on which we rely to achieve success.

To the preachers, whether local or itinerant, who accepted the ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR proposition submitted by us to the Conferences one year ago, we tender our sincere thanks. Their timely aid brought relief, without which we could not have passed through the financial troubles that surrounded us. There are hundreds, however, whose circumstances were such that, while they were anxious to co-operate with and to aid us, were prevented from doing so. To you we again look with confidence and hope. We have no one else to whom we can appeal. If our books are sold, the preachers must sell them; if our periodicals are circulated, it must be done by the preachers. The circulation of a sound and healthful religious literature, among the means employed for the advancement of the Church, is surpassed only by the more active duties of the pastorate. Every preacher should feel it to be a duty, from the discharge of which he cannot be excused, to provide for the people intrusted to his care such books as ought to be read in every family. To do this there is an obligation resting on him, scarcely less than to preach the gospel of Christ. The preacher who performs this duty will always be blessed with a prosperous and liberal Church.

Preachers have often asked us the question, "What is the best method of supplying our people with our publications?" It is difficult to answer the question. Not only do preachers differ in their qualifications for this kind of work, but their fields of labor also differ in wealth, in liberality, and in intelligence. We would suggest that brethren confine themselves to no specific rule on this subject, *but that each one resolve to supply the people of whom he has the oversight with all the standard literature of the Church, embracing Hymn Books, Disciplines, the works of Watson, Wesley, Fletcher, Sumner's Commentaries, the biographies of men eminent for their piety and usefulness, and the Histories of the Church, and*

such other books as their judgment may suggest. When such a resolution is fully adopted, then follow such methods as suggest themselves for the accomplishment of the work.

As a general rule, however, preachers may safely adopt the following: Send to the Book Agent for as many Catalogues as you may wish to distribute among your people, and, after placing them in their hands, solicit them to subscribe for such books as they may want. By the time you have visited the families of your charge you will have enough books sold to make up a good order. You may safely add to these as many more, which, while you are distributing those already engaged, you will be able to sell. Try this experiment.

The same obligation that rests upon the preacher to sell religious books equally demands of him the circulation of the periodical literature of the Church.

The periodical literature of the Church embraces the *Christian Advocate*, the *Sunday-school Magazine*, the Lesson Papers, the *Sunday-school Visitor*, and *Our Little People*.

The *Christian Advocate*, with a subscription list of *eleven thousand*, is accomplishing a great and good work for the Church. It is not the special organ of any single Conference, but is the organ of the entire Church, as it is the property of all the preachers and members. It does not conflict with local Church papers but co-operates with them in promoting all the enterprises of the Connection. With so large a membership, we have the right to expect its circulation to be greatly increased. Cannot each member of this Conference procure for us ten additional subscribers? Will you try?

The circulation of our Sunday-school periodicals is already far in excess of any former period. An extra effort on the part of all the preachers would place these in every Sunday-school in the bounds of our Church. Their teachings are in consonance with religious truth, and in them is no tendency to lead the mind and heart from Christ. Will you see to it, that they are not supplanted nor superceded by any other publications?

In conclusion, allow us to invite once more your hearty co-operation in the work we have to do; and, with the blessings of God on our labors, we trust to meet the hopes of the Church.

Your brother in Christ,

A. H. REDFORD, AGENT.

NASHVILLE, TENN., August 1, 1874.

## VII.—FINANCIAL EXHIBIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1874.

### *I.—Salaries, Missionary Collections, Conference Collection, Bishop's Fund, and Educational Fund.*

PASTORAL CHARGES.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLLT.		MISSION'Y COL.		BISHOP'S FUND		R. M. COLLEGE. COLLECTION	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assess'd	Paid.	Chur'h's	S.Schools	Assessed	Paid	Assessed.	Paid
RICHMOND DISTRICT.											
Trinity—Richmond.....	\$1,600 00	\$1,541 53	\$58 47	\$88 34	\$98 85	\$130 00	.....	\$18 70	\$20 00	\$34 34	\$35 00
Centenary, "	2,150 00	2,150 00	.....	88 34	140 00	205 00	19 21	17 82	24 03	82 72	33 00
Broad Street, "	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....	88 35	161 33	262 70	140 00	25 95	25 95	39 50	64 00
German Miss. "	2,400 00	2,400 00	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	.....	75	75	.....	1 25
Sydney, "	600 00	600 00	.....	7 20	8 00	10 00	5 00	1 70	2 00	2 50	2 50
Oregon, "	400 00	500 00	.....	16 80	16 80	60 00	11 00	3 21	3 21	5 63	5 63
Clay Street, "	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	56 08	85 44	86 66	.....	11 13	12 10	21 03	22 00
Union, "	1,675 00	1,575 00	100 00	85 44	85 44	.....	.....	17 70	17 70	31 81	25 00
Manchester.....	1,400 00	953 00	447 00	42 44	33 70	25 25	.....	8 57	8 00	12 71	5 00
Henrico and Charles City.....	856 00	856 00	.....	78 54	62 18	47 50	9 00	16 04	16 04	29 45	10 00
New Kent.....	400 00	333 63	66 37	41 24	22 00	21 00	.....	10 87	6 50	19 87	12 50
King William.....	300 00	300 00	.....	33 60	33 60	60 00	.....	6 89	6 87	12 65	12 65
Matthews.....	925 00	925 00	.....	168 00	65 20	61 25	18 70	34 28	10 15	62 97	12 10
Gloucester.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	123 16	123 16	218 79	.....	25 22	25 22	46 33	46 33
Williamsburg.....	200 00	142 75	57 25	6 42	6 42	33 34	.....	1 31	1 31	2 40	2 40
Total.....	\$17,806 10	\$17,177 01	\$729 09	\$900 00	\$917 68	\$1252 49	\$202 91	\$200 00	\$179 85	\$357 00	\$289 36
CHARLOTTESVILLE DISTRICT.											
Charlottesville.....	1,250 00	1,163 33	86 67	56 25	32 00	72 25	.....	13 25	11 05	22 80	15 10
Alebemarle.....	1,000 00	861 70	138 30	93 75	65 00	40 00	.....	21 90	22 00	38 00	25 00
Madison.....	900 00	900 00	.....	93 75	60 00	80 00	.....	21 90	20 00	38 00	30 00
Louisa.....	700 00	700 00	.....	93 75	60 00	25 00	.....	21 00	10 00	36 50	9 20
Scottsville.....	840 00	641 75	198 25	90 00	15 00	30 00	30 80	13 20	10 00	22 80	20 00
Fluvanna.....	600 00	441 00	159 00	56 25	31 55	40 30	5 00	13 20	13 20	.....	.....
Batesville.....	625 00	475 00	150 00	56 25	31 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gordonsville & Orange Courthouse.....	300 00	300 00	.....	15 00	15 00	15 48	.....	3 50	3 50	6 02	6 02
Orange Circuit.....	296 00	264 13	31 87	20 75	50 00	.....	.....	8 00	8 00	10 00	10 00
Greene.....	590 00	590 00	.....	60 00	30 00	27 00	.....	13 00	12 25	24 30	16 00
Goochland.....	350 00	350 00	.....	18 00	9 00	.....	.....	10 50	10 50	10 00	10 00
Beaver Dam.....	310 00	262 43	47 57	37 50	5 72	8 00	.....	8 75	4 00	.....	.....
Total.....	\$7,761 00	\$6,949 34	\$811 66	\$750 00	\$323 02	\$397 83	\$5 00	\$175 00	\$124 50	\$304 00	\$141 32

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1874—CONTINUED.

PASTORAL CHARGES.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLLT.		MISSION'Y COL.		BISHOP'S FUND		R. M. COLLEGE COLLECTION	
	Assessed	Paid.	Deficit.	Assess'd	Paid,	Chur'h's	S.Schools	Assess'd	Paid,	Assessed	Paid.
LYNCHBURG DISTRICT.											
Centenary—Lynchburg.....	\$1,200 00	\$ 940 00	\$260 00	92 00	92 00	\$24 40	\$70 74	20 00	20 00	37 00	\$37 00
City Mission .....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Court Street .....	100 00	103 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amherst.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	102 00	124 90	149 81	40 00	24 00	24 00	42 00	42 70
West Amherst.....	1,000 00	904 00	96 00	58 00	22 13	30 00	.....	14 00	10 00	24 00	10 00
Bedford .....	478 00	390 00	88 00	44 00	18 00	31 00	.....	10 00	4 80	18 00	3 45
South Bedford.....	900 00	726 00	174 00	.....	35 00	15 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	10 00
Bedford Springs.....	475 00	404 00	71 00	.....	30 00	20 00	.....	.....	3 00	.....	8 00
Liberty and Salem.....	650 00	609 00	50 00	76 00	53 00	50 00	.....	17 00	12 00	31 00	20 00
Nelson.....	500 00	319 01	180 99	29 00	12 00	25 00	.....	7 00	6 20	12 00	4 54
Campbell.....	700 00	535 21	164 79	72 00	72 00	62 10	.....	17 00	17 00	30 00	21 49
German Mission ..	900 00	696 56	203 44	72 50	38 25	70 00	.....	16 00	16 00	30 00	19 50
Buckingham .....	1,000 00	625 00	375 00	25 00	20 00	40 00	.....	6 60	4 00	11 00	6 00
Prospect.....	640 00	640 00	.....	58 00	58 00	85 00	.....	14 00	14 00	24 00	24 00
Leesville Mission.....	200 00	110 00	89 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$12143 00	\$10,394 08	\$1,752 42	\$875 00	\$576 53	\$602 31	\$114 74	\$200 00	\$137 00	\$357 00	\$207 93
PETERSBURG DISTRICT.											
Washington Street—Petersburg.....	1,300 00	1,033 65	266 35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel & Blandford .....	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	117 00	133 33	241 94	100 00	28 00	30 00	47 00	50 00
Market Street.....	450 00	450 00	.....	21 00	21 00	20 00	.....	5 00	5 00	8 00	8 00
High Street & Battersea.....	2,450 00	2,450 00	.....	87 00	98 00	95 35	224 65	21 00	25 00	36 00	36 00
Ettricks.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	44 00	32 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	18 09	12 00
Chesterfield.....	250 00	250 00	.....	13 00	10 00	12 85	.....	3 00	3 00	6 00	3 50
Coalfield and Clover Hill.....	*762 00	762 00	.....	45 00	45 00	38 36	.....	10 00	10 00	18 00	18 00
Dinwiddie.....	800 00	275 16	524 84	77 00	24 75	15 00	.....	18 00	5 50	30 00	50
West Dinwiddie.....	700 00	543 00	157 00	30 00	32 00	54 97	.....	7 00	9 00	14 00	15 00
Sussex.....	625 00	532 09	91 91	44 00	20 00	25 00	.....	10 00	5 00	18 00	2 62
Hicksford.....	1,000 00	637 00	363 00	81 00	84 00	71 22	.....	20 00	20 00	33 00	33 00
Prince George.....	500 00	500 00	.....	49 00	49 00	60 50	.....	11 00	11 00	20 00	20 00
Surry.....	598 00	598 00	.....	27 00	27 00	47 50	.....	7 00	7 00	12 00	12 00
Total.....	\$14,135 00	\$12,349 62	\$1,785 38	\$700 00	\$583 08	\$709 69	\$339 65	\$160 00	\$144 50	\$284 00	\$213 62

\*Assessments made for two Preachers. NOTE.—Assessments were made for two Preachers, also on Henrico & Charles City, Matthews and Gloucester Circuits, Richmond District.

RANDOLPH MACON DISTRICT.	\$1,400 00	\$994 31	\$405 69	\$10 00	\$40 00	20 31		7 75	7 75	16 20	16 20
Rappahannock .....	675 00	675 00	.....	.....	16 64	30 02	.....	9 00	9 00	.....	8 00
Rappahannock Mission .....	.....	.....	.....	16 00	16 00	13 00	5 00	3 10	3 10	6 48	6 50
Culpeper .....	400 00	400 00	.....	40 00	22 73	24 96	.....	7 75	4 75	16 20	8 25
Culpeper Circuit .....	500 00	294 03	205 97	40 00	.....	.....	.....	7 75	.....	.....	.....
Spotsylvania .....	200 00	79 90	120 10	40 00	.....	.....	.....	7 75	.....	.....	.....
Caroline .....	700 00	480 31	219 69	80 00	14 05	26 00	5 50	15 50	3 56	32 40	1 60
King George .....	700 00	505 53	194 47	80 00	50 00	36 25	.....	15 50	15 50	32 40	13 76
Westmoreland .....	650 00	433 00	217 00	80 00	30 00	40 00	.....	15 00	10 00	32 40	20 00
Heathsville .....	600 00	600 00	.....	64 00	66 00	60 00	.....	12 40	12 60	25 92	27 25
Montross .....	200 00	200 00	.....	24 00	24 00	20 00	.....	4 65	4 65	9 72	9 72
Lancaster .....	880 00	709 31	170 69	80 00	70 00	64 32	2 04	15 50	12 55	32 40	17 45
Middlesex .....	500 00	408 25	91 75	80 00	28 22	10 15	.....	15 50	15 50	32 40	.....
King and Queen .....	700 00	500 00	200 00	70 00	38 75	50 00	.....	13 00	13 00	30 00	13 20
Logan Mission .....	.....	22 50	.....	16 00	3 00	6 84	.....	3 00	2 25	6 48	.....
Hanover .....	900 00	755 10	144 90	80 00	77 00	78 04	4 69	15 50	14 90	32 40	32 40
Total .....	\$9,005 00	\$7,057 24	\$1,970 26	\$800 00	\$496 39	\$479 89	\$17 23	\$155 00	\$129 11	\$324 00	\$174 33
DANVILLE DISTRICT.											
Main Street—Danville .....	1,000 00	933 00	67 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 17	7 25	11 82	12 00
.....	1,700 00	1,700 00	.....	25 94	27 50	66 40	.....	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00
Lynn Street .....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	20 00	20 00	70 00	.....	12 20	12 20	22 40	15 55
Charlotte .....	550 00	531 26	18 74	49 36	43 44	33 75	.....	5 44	2 50	8 88	2 50
West Charlotte .....	300 00	281 50	18 50	21 31	7 50	12 50	.....	13 76	13 76	25 72	25 72
South of Dan .....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	54 60	54 60	44 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ringgold Mission .....	105 00	73 30	31 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 92	9 92	17 84	12 50
Bannister .....	400 00	245 00	155 00	39 24	29 10	1 20	.....	11 28	11 28	20 56	20 56
Pittsylvania .....	500 00	491 70	8 30	44 68	44 68	35 00	.....	28 72	10 00	55 44	26 35
Franklin .....	1,150 00	1,023 00	127 00	115 00	45 00	125 00	1 00	11 08	4 60	20 16	.....
Henry .....	420 00	420 00	.....	44 88	14 00	14 00	.....	5 44	5 44	8 88	8 88
Patrick .....	205 00	205 00	.....	21 47	21 47	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dan River Mission .....	150 00	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 80	2 00	31 60	3 00
Halifax .....	700 00	424 21	275 79	67 76	20 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Alleghany Mission .....	.....	13 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	\$9,680 00	\$8,991 57	\$702 03	\$575 00	\$327 29	\$452 77	\$1 00	\$125 00	\$83 95	\$230 00	\$132 06
EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT.											
Eastville .....	850 00	839 50	10 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 12	11 12	17 28	17 28
Bell Haven .....	900 00	900 00	.....	44 46	44 46	62 75	10 25	5 56	2 40	8 61	3 72
Pungoteague .....	200 00	160 00	40 00	22 23	9 64	23 00	.....	12 28	12 28	34 44	43 05
Atlantic .....	1,425 00	1,425 00	.....	88 82	123 72	382 38	31 70	22 20	27 25	18 95	18 95
Pocomoke .....	850 00	850 00	.....	48 88	48 88	130 00	.....	5 00	5 00	7 75	7 75
Wicomico .....	140 00	141 00	.....	20 00	20 00	37 50	.....	6 67	.....	10 33	.....
Salisbury .....	400 00	378 32	21 68	26 67	.....	12 75	.....	8 35	8 35	12 92	12 92
Berlin .....	600 00	600 00	.....	33 35	33 38	87 50	20 00	6 67	4 77	10 33	7 39
Baltimore .....	91 66	91 66	.....	26 67	19 09	3 50	.....	16 67	16 67	25 83	25 83
Dorchester .....	900 00	827 77	72 23	66 69	66 69	108 33	.....	12 50	12 50	.....	12 50
Cambridge .....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	25 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	\$6,966 66	\$6,813 25	\$144 41	\$400 00	\$390 86	\$897 71	\$61 95	\$100 00	\$100 34	\$155 00	\$149 39

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER, 1874—CONTINUED.

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PASTORAL CHARGES.	SALARIES.			CONF. COLLT.		MISSION'Y COL.		BISHOP'S FUND		R. M. COLLEGE COLLECTION.	
	Assessed.	Paid.	Deficit.	Assess'd	Paid.	Chur'h's	S.Schools	Assessed	Paid	Assessed.	Paid
<b>FARMVILLE DISTRICT.</b>											
Farmville.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,204 92	\$195 08	\$53 57	\$49 00	\$ 59 85	.....	\$12 50	\$12 50	\$21 03	\$14 00
1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	.....	38 00	12 00	13 50	.....	8 65	8 00	14 70	14 00
Mount Pleasant.....	350 00	190 00	160 00	66 94	40 00	31 33	.....	15 62	15 62	26 25	10 00
Lunenburg.....	975 00	909 00	66 00	58 92	58 92	110 70	.....	13 75	13 75	23 13	23 13
Lewiston.....	850 00	753 60	96 40	34 00	24 00	30 39	.....	8 66	8 66	14 23	10 00
Boydtown.....	450 00	450 00	.....	52 50	45 00	42 00	.....	12 50	10 50	21 00	9 00
Boydtown Circuit.....	575 00	503 60	71 40	79 99	80 00	95 82	27 18	17 30	18 00	29 43	30 00
Mecklenburg.....	*1,010 00	930 00	80 00	16 07	16 07	6 64	20 00	3 75	3 75	6 31	6 31
Clarksville.....	220 00	200 00	20 00	1,072 50	925 64	146 86	77 33	75 00	16 87	28 44	5 00
Brunswick.....	850 00	850 00	.....	61 96	61 96	67 14	.....	15 62	15 62	26 28	26 28
Nottoway.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	21 00	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Amelia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 89	9 00	16 83	11 19
Powhatan.....	400 00	356 22	43 78	43 43	38 00	38 00	.....	15 00	10 00	25 24	13 00
Cumberland.....	950 00	826 80	123 20	64 28	17 00	10 00	.....	9 89	5 00	16 83	4 00
South Brunswick.....	*690 00	607 56	82 44	43 43	12 00	57 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$10,942 50	\$9,857 34	\$1,085 16	\$750 00	\$571 28	\$658 37	\$47 18	\$175 00	\$152 27	\$295 00	\$180 91
<b>MURFREESBORO DISTRICT.</b>											
Murfreesboro.....	1,500 00	1,378 87	121 13	70 00	70 00	70 00	18 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	15 00
515 00	515 00	.....	.....	75 00	75 00	143 92	.....	20 00	20 00	38 00	13 45
Northampton.....	650 00	650 00	.....	55 00	42 95	42 64	.....	12 00	12 00	25 00	5 60
Meherrin.....	600 00	500 00	100 00	95 00	72 50	160 77	2 23	24 00	24 00	45 00	11 50
Bertie.....	*1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	15 00	15 00	10 00	.....	5 00	5 00	6 00	6 00
Edenton.....	300 00	300 00	.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	.....	25 00	25 00	45 00	45 00
Hertford.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	90 00	60 00	45 00	.....	20 00	20 00	40 00	10 00
Pasquotank.....	1,000 00	739 13	260 87	42 50	42 50	20 00	.....	10 00	10 00	15 00	5 00
Elizabeth City.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	42 50	29 33	36 40	4 20	10 00	8 67	15 00	8 00
Suffolk.....	1,000 00	900 00	100 00	100 00	80 00	57 89	.....	25 00	25 00	45 00	40 00
Gates.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	40 00	11 00	30 00	.....	12 00	12 00	20 00	.....
Southampton.....	700 00	700 00	.....	40 00	25 00	7 83	.....	10 00	10 00	15 00	9 20
Chuckatuck.....	670 00	369 21	300 79	55 00	32 37	80 00	.....	12 00	12 00	20 00	12 00
North Southampton.....	700 00	700 00	.....	15 00	15 00	12 06	.....	5 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Dare.....	275 00	275 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$12,310 00	\$11,427 21	\$882 79	\$850 00	\$650 65	\$816 51	\$24 43	\$200 00	\$199 67	\$337 00	\$186 75

\*Assessments made for two Preachers. NOTE.—Assessments were made for two Preachers, also on Franklin Circuit, Danville District, and Pungo-teague, Eastern Shore District.

NORFOLK DISTRICT.	\$2,000 00	\$1,893 91	\$106 09											
Cumberland Street, Norfolk.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	107 00	111 21	97 47	91 67	25 00	25 00	42 00	42 00	42 00	42 00	42 00
Granby Street, .....	2,150 00	2,150 00	.....	107 00	113 70	133 68	10 50	25 00	34 00	42 00	61 04	42 00	61 04	6 00
Berkley .....	800 00	653 51	146 49	14 00	14 00	30 00	.....	3 00	3 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Monumental Church, Portsmouth..	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	104 00	104 00	53 91	.....	23 00	23 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
Central .....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	42 00	42 00	30 00	.....	10 00	10 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	17 00
Second Street .....	600 00	605 32	.....	14 00	14 00	20 00	10 00	3 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00	6 00
Norfolk Circuit .....	1,000 00	903 36	96 64	56 00	58 00	183 21	76 12	13 00	14 65	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00
East Norfolk .....	800 00	800 00	.....	58 00	58 00	70 22	.....	14 00	14 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00	23 00
South Norfolk.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	88 00	60 00	102 50	.....	21 00	05 50	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00
Indian Ridge .....	700 00	559 36	140 64	81 00	49 50	56 00	.....	19 00	9 50	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00	34 00
Princess Anne.....	1,000 00	804 84	195 16	88 00	88 00	100 00	1 78	21 00	21 00	35 00	35 00	20 02	20 02	20 02
York .....	600 00	524 70	75 30	46 00	40 40	66 30	.....	10 00	10 00	20 00	20 00	15 00	15 00	15 00
Hampton and Fox Hill.....	900 00	833 26	66 74	32 00	10 15	10 25	.....	8 00	8 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00	12 00
Smithfield.....	712 00	654 78	57 22	46 00	41 00	35 00	.....	11 00	9 50	17 00	17 00	13 73	13 73	13 73
Isle of Wight.....	400 00	360 00	40 00	19 00	20 00	25 00	.....	4 00	4 25	7 00	7 00	7 50	7 50	7 50
Jamestown Circuit.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	\$18,062 00	\$17,143 04	\$924 28	\$900 00	\$814 66	\$1,013 54	\$190 07	\$210 00	\$204 40	\$357 00	\$298 29			

## RECAPITULATION—BY DISTRICTS.

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Richmond District.....	\$17,806 10	\$17,177 01	729 09	900 00	\$917 68	\$1,252 49	\$202 91	\$200 00	\$179 85	\$357 00	\$289 36			
Charlottesville District .....	7,761 00	6,949 34	811 66	750 00	323 02	397 83	5 00	175 00	124 50	304 00	141 32			
Lynchburg District.....	12,143 00	10,349 08	1,752 42	875 00	576 53	602 31	114 74	200 00	137 00	357 00	207 93			
Petersburg District .....	14,135 00	12,349 62	1,785 38	700 00	583 08	709 69	339 65	160 00	144 50	284 00	213 62			
Randolph Macon District.....	9,005 00	7,057 24	1,970 26	800 00	496 39	479 89	17 23	155 00	129 11	324 00	174 33			
Danville District.....	9,680 00	8,991 57	702 03	575 00	327 29	452 77	1 00	125 00	83 95	230 00	132 06			
Eastern Shore District.....	6,956 66	6,813 25	144 41	400 00	390 86	897 71	61 95	100 00	100 34	155 00	149 39			
Farmville District.....	10,942 50	9,857 34	1,085 16	750 00	571 28	658 37	47 18	175 00	152 27	295 00	180 91			
Murfreesboro District.....	12,310 00	11,427 21	882 79	850 00	650 65	816 51	24 43	200 00	199 67	337 00	186 75			
Norfolk District.....	18,062 00	17,143 04	424 28	900 00	814 96	1,013 54	190 07	210 00	204 40	357 00	298 20			
Special Collection at Conference....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....			
Total .....	\$118,801 26	\$107,659 65	\$10,787 48	\$7,500 00	\$5,801 74	\$7,281 11	\$1,014 16	\$1,700 00	\$1,455 59	\$3,000 00	\$1,973 96			

OSCAR LITTLETON, Secretary.

A. G. BROWN, Chairman, Joint Board Finance,

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*II—Reports of Treasurer of Joint Board of Finance.*

## 1.—CONFERENCE COLLECTION.

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman, from last Conference.....	\$ 144 21
From Richmond District.....	917 68
" Charlottesville District.....	323 02
" Lynchburg District.....	576 53
" Danville District .....	327 29
" Farmville District.....	571 28
" Petersburg District.....	583 08
" Murfreesboro District.....	650 65
" Norfolk District.....	814 96
" Randolph Macon District.....	496 39
" Eastern Shore District.....	390 86
" Special Collection.....	150 00
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	\$5,945 95

## PAID TO.

By amount donated Mrs. Scott..\$ 20 00	Mrs. A. J. Beckwith.....	\$175 00
Conference Secretary's Bill..... 10 25	Miss S. J. Robinson.....	30 00
Rev. Jacob Shough..... 150 00	Child of Rev. W. P. Twyman...	30 00
Rev. J. C. Garlick..... 300 00	Mrs. A. H. Boyd.....	75 00
Rev. Joseph Carson..... 200 00	Mrs. J. C. Hayes.....	100 00
Rev. W. A. Robinson..... 100 00	Mrs. W. M. Ward.....	100 00
Rev. S. T. Moorman..... 200 00	Mrs. J. W. Wonnycott.....	255 00
Rev. Benj. Devany..... 100 00	Miss Ella Wonnycott.....	40 00
Rev. Benj. M. Williams..... 50 00	Mrs. J. H. Joyner.....	150 00
Rev. John McClellan..... 150 00	Mrs. R. A. Gregory.....	295 00
Mrs. J. W. Childs..... 150 00	Mrs. Julia Wood.....	100 00
Mrs. B. E. Gibson..... 150 00	Mrs. Benjamin Miles.....	75 00
Mrs. F. Stanley..... 100 00	Son of Rev. J. D. Coulling.....	40 00
Mrs. M. C. Peirce..... 255 00	Mrs. H. T. Atmore.....	75 00
Mrs. M. Peyton..... 75 00	Mrs. W. I. Hunter.....	200 00
Mrs. Robert Scott..... 75 00	Willie S. Hunter.....	30 00
Mrs. J. H. Payne..... 150 00	Mrs. I. M. Arnold.....	150 00
Mrs. M. S. Shelton..... 255 00	Rev. T. C. Jennings' Children..	80 00
Mrs. Mary Bain..... 100 00	Mrs. M. C. Spriggs.....	125 00
Mrs. W. C. Blount..... 175 00	Mrs. M. M. Dance.....	34 00
Miss Estelle Arnold..... 25 00	Mrs. Alex. Stewart.....	75 00
Miss Alice M. Arnold..... 25 00	Mrs. J. McMullan.....	100 00
Mrs. W. M. Jerdone..... 175 00	Mrs. G. N. Guy.....	225 00
Mrs. B. H. Johnson..... 150 00	Mrs. Abram Penn.....	100 00
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		\$5799 25

Balance in hands of A. G. Brown, Chairman..... 146 70

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1874.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*Reports of Treasurer of Joint Board of Finance—Continued.*

## 2. BISHOPS' FUND.

Collected.....	\$1,455 59
Paid Bishop Marvin for traveling expenses.....	\$ 35 00
Paid Bishop Marvin .....	1,420 59
	1,455 59

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1874.

## 3. EDUCATIONAL FUND.

Amount received from and reported by Preachers at Conference.....	\$1,973 96
Amount paid A. G. Brown, Financial Secretary.....	1,973 96

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., Treasurer.

November, 1874.

NOTE.—Reports were received from Appomattox and Batesville Circuits too late to go in the Secretary's report and will appear in report of 1875.

*III—Reports of the Conference Missionary Treasurer.*

## 1. GENERAL MISSIONARY FUND.

Amount Reported by Preachers.....	\$8,006 77
"    "    for China Mission .....	25 00
"    "    Mexican " .....	253 50
"    "    "    "    from J. C. Watson.....	5 00
"    "    from Missionary Meeting.....	392 35
	\$8,682 62

## REMITTED PARENT BOARD.

For China Mission .....	\$ 25 00
" Mexican " .....	258 50
Forty per cent. of \$8,359 12.....	3,343 64
	\$3,627 14

## CONFERENCE MISSION.

Special from Richmond District .....	\$ 40 00
Sixty per cent. of \$8,359 12.....	5,015 48
	\$5,055 48
	\$8,682 62

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., TREASURER.

NOVEMBER, 1874.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT—CONTINUED.

*Reports of Conference Missionary Treasurer—Continued.*

## 2. CONFERENCE MISSIONARY FUND.

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 254 45
Appropriation from Parent Board for German Mission.....	2,000 00
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	\$2,254 45
Paid E. N. S. Blogg for German Mission .....	\$2,000 00
" J. W. Connelly, Warwick Circuit.....	60 00
" E. N. Blogg, for interest, deducted 1872 .....	13 77
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	\$2,073.77
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Special from Richmond District.....	\$180 68
Sixty per cent. of \$8,359 12.....	\$ 40 00
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	5,015 48
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	\$5,236 16
 Appropriated and paid Ringgold.....	\$ 80 00
" " Dan River.....	120 00
" " Bannister.....	160 00
" " Culpepper .....	240 00
" " Second Street, Portsmouth.....	240 00
" " Isle of Wight.....	80 00
" " Williamsburg.....	120 00
" " Hampton .....	120 00
" " Gordonsville.....	280 00
" " Piedmont .....	80 00
" " Logan Mission.....	120 00
" " Clarkesville .....	200 00
" " Warwick Mission.....	200 00
" " Amherst Mission.....	80 00
" " Ettricks .....	320 00
" " Sidney .....	320 00
" " Rocketts .....	80 00
" " Berkley .....	160 00
" " Leesville .....	160 00
" " German Mission.....	960 00
" " Chuckatuck .....	120 00
" " Wicomico .....	80 00
" " Bellhaven .....	40 00
" " Pocomoke .....	90 00
" " Wesley Chapel, Petersburg .....	160 00
" " Alleghany Mission.....	120 00
" " Fluvanna.....	160 00
" " Lynchburg Mission.....	240 00
" " German Mission.....	50 00
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	\$5,180 00
Balance on hand.....	\$56 16

GEO. M. BAIN, JR., TREASURER.

November, 1874.

## VIII.

### ASSESSMENTS BY BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1874—'75.

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*Richmond District*.—Conference collection, \$1,120; Bishop's fund, \$238; Educational fund, \$420; R. M. C. Building fund, \$7,000.

*Charlottesville District*.—Conference collection, \$720; Bishop's fund, \$153; Educational fund, \$270; R. M. C. Building fund, \$4,500.

*Lynchburg District*.—Conference collection, \$800; Bishop's fund, \$170; Educational fund, \$300; R. M. C. Building fund, \$5,000.

*Danville District*.—Conference collection, \$400; Bishop's fund, \$85; Educational fund, \$150; R. M. C. Building fund, \$2,500.

*Farmville District*.—Conference collection, \$800; Bishop's fund, \$170; Educational fund, \$300; R. M. C. Building fund, \$5,000.

*Petersburg District*.—Conference collection, \$880; Bishop's fund, \$187; Educational fund, \$330; R. M. C. Building fund, \$5,500.

*Murfreesboro District*.—Conference collection, \$800; Bishop's fund, \$175; Educational fund, \$300; R. M. C. Building fund, \$5,000.

*Norfolk District*.—Conference collection, \$1,280; Bishop's fund, \$272; Educational fund, \$480; R. M. C. Building fund, \$8,000.

*Randolph Macon District*.—Conference collection, \$560; Bishop's fund, \$119; Educational fund, \$210; R. M. C. Building fund, \$3,500.

*Eastern Shore District*.—Conference collection, \$640; Bishop's fund, \$136; Educational fund, \$240; R. M. C. Building fund, \$4,000.

Total.—Conference collection, \$8,000; Bishop's fund, \$1,700; Educational fund, \$3,000; R. M. C. Building fund, \$50,000.

The Building fund of Randolph Macon College, which, by order of Conference, was assessed on the Districts, as above, will not be apportioned by the District Stewards to the several pastoral charges, but will be raised during the year by the hearty co-operation of the ministry and membership of the Church, with the special Agents of the College, whose plans for their great work will be made known in due time.

A. G. BROWN,

Chairman Joint Board of Finance.

O. LITTLETON, Secretary.

## **IX.**

### **CONSTITUTION OF BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.**

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**Adopted at the Session of 1874.**

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**ARTICLE 1.** There shall be a Board of Missions, or of Home Evangelization of the Virginia Annual Conference, who shall take charge of the Missions within the Conference.

**ART. 2.** The Board shall consist of ten clerical and ten lay members, chosen by the Conference, and shall elect out of their own number, a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any five of them may constitute a quorum.

**ART. 3.** The President or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board. In the absence of both, a chairman shall be chosen by the Board.

**ART. 4.** The Secretary shall keep in a book a faithful record of the proceedings of the Board and prepare the regular Annual report for the Annual Conference.

**ART. 5.** The Treasurer shall keep charge of all the funds of the Board, and hold them subject to the order of the Board; and make an annual report of his receipts and disbursements to the Annual Conference.

**ART. 6.** The Board shall annually estimate the amount necessary for the assistance of Missions and feeble charges within the bounds of the Virginia Conference and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' Districts for collection.

**ART. 7.** Annual collections shall be taken up in every congregation for the objects of this Board.

**ART. 8.** The officers shall hold their positions until the first session of the Virginia Annual Conference after the next meeting of the General Conference, or until their successors shall be appointed.

**ART. 9.** The Board shall have authority to declare and fill vacancies in the Board, subject to the ratification of the Conference.

**ART. 10.** The Board shall hold a public meeting at each Annual Session of the Conference in the interest of the Missionary Cause as provided for in Article 13 of the Constitution of the General Board.

## X.

# FINANCIAL PLAN OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

## SECTION I.

### OF THE JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

I. The Joint Board of Finance, composed of one Clerical member of the Conference, and one Layman from each Presiding Elder's District, shall meet at each session of the Annual Conference.

II. The members of this Board shall be appointed by the Presiding Bishop at the close of the Conference session, and shall hold their office until the close of the next ensuing Annual Conference session.

III. They shall elect their own Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer; and shall fill all vacancies that may occur in the Board; *provided*, they keep up an equal number of Clerical and Lay members.

IV. It shall be the duty of the Joint Board:

1. To receive the Conference collection and distribute the same to the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of deceased clerical members of the Conference; according to their judgment of their several necessities.

2. To estimate the amount that probably will be necessary to meet the claims of the superannuated preachers, and widows and orphan children of deceased clerical members of the Conference, and apportion the same to the Presiding Elders' districts for collection the ensuing year. This apportionment shall be made upon the basis of ability. In like manner they shall apportion the amount assessed upon the Conference for the support of the Bishops.

3. They shall receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops, and pay over the same to the Bishop presiding at the Conference, and take his receipt and forward it, or a copy thereof, to the Book Agent.

4. They shall receive and carefully examine the Recording Steward's reports, and keep an accurate record of the same, and take such action thereon as may be deemed prudent, in order to improve the financial condition of the church, and secure uniformity in the methods, and fidelity in the execution of the duties of Stewards.

5. They shall decide all issues that may exist between the Stewards and Presiding Elder, or any of the preachers in relation to salaries, and their decision shall be final,\* but in no case shall they allow any preacher to have a claim on the church he has served, as of debt, after his pastoral connection with them has ceased.

6. All matters relating to the financial interests of the Conference shall be referred to this Board and be carefully considered by them.

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\*They have no jurisdiction over the assessments of the District Stewards, but as an appellate tribunal for all issues that may exist between the Stewards and the Presiding Elders, or any of the preachers in relation to salaries.

7. The members of this Board, and especially the Chairman thereof, shall carefully consider the financial interests of the Conference during the year, and shall collect such authentic information in regard to the usual claimants on the Conference funds, as shall facilitate the business of the Board at its annual meetings.

8. They shall make a full report of all their proceedings to their Conference, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report.

## SECTION II.

### OF THE DISTRICT STEWARDS.

I. The District Stewards [see Discipline, pages 53 and 100,] shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. The time and place of the meeting shall be fixed by the Presiding Elder. They shall elect their own chairman and secretary.

II. It shall be the duty of this Board to estimate the salary and traveling expenses of the Presiding Elder, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

III. They shall apportion this amount and the amounts assessed upon the District for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund, to the several charges of the district, according to their judgment of their relative abilities.

IV. They shall require the Secretary to keep an accurate record of their proceedings.

## SECTION III.

### OF THE STEWARDS ON THE CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

I. The Stewards on Circuits and Stations shall assemble as soon as practicable after the adjournment of the annual meeting of the Board of District Stewards. The time and place of their meeting shall be fixed by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the preceeding year, or, in default thereof, by the preacher in charge. They shall elect their own chairman, secretary and treasurer; provided, that the office of secretary and treasurer may be filled by the Recording Steward.

II. It shall be the duty of the Board, thus organized:

1. To estimate the salary and traveling expenses of their pastor, having due regard to what, in their judgment, may be necessary to place him and his family (if a man of family) in such circumstances of comfort and protection as will enable him to serve the Church to the full extent of the requirements of the Discipline.

2. To ascertain from their representative in the District Stewards' meeting, (or, if he should be absent, from any other reliable source) the assessment upon their charge for the support of the Presiding Elder.

3. To apportion the aggregate of these amounts to the several societies of their charge, according to their judgment of the equitable portion of each.

4. They shall report their action to the ensuing Quarterly Conference, which shall approve, re-commit or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Quarterly Conference, it shall be the assessment for that year.

5. They shall, as soon thereafter as practicable, inform their respective societies of the amount assessed upon them.

6. They shall report at each session of the Quarterly Conference the collections made in their respective societies, and pay over the same to the parties having claims thereon, *pro rata*, first deducting the necessary traveling expenses.

7. They shall keep the assessments for the Conference collection and Bishops' fund separate, and shall co-operate with the preachers in charge in raising these amounts by public collections in their several congregations, or by private subscriptions and donations.

8. Where there is no parsonage belonging to their charge, they shall take the necessary steps, as early as the fourth quarterly meeting in each year, to secure a comfortable home for their coming pastor; and in estimating his salary, they shall include the amount necessary to pay the rent thereof.\*

9. It shall be the especial duty of the chairman of each Board to consider the financial interest of his charge, to visit the different societies thereof, when necessary, to remind them of their scriptural obligations to support the ministry, and to use every effort in his power to promote the financial prosperity of the charge.

10. The Recording Steward shall forward to the Joint Board of Finance of the Annual Conference, a full account of the assessments made upon his charge, the amounts received on the assessments, the disbursements of the same, and the deficiencies, if any exist. He shall also forward, annually, a full account of all collections for missions to the Treasurer of the Annual Conference Missionary Board, and shall transmit all moneys collected during the year for Missions, Conference collection and Bishop's fund, to the Treasurer thereof, by the preacher in charge.

## SECTION IV.

### OF CHURCH CONFERENCES.

I. A Church Conference shall be held in each society as soon as practicable after adjournment of the first Quarterly Conference, whose duty it shall be to appoint a committee of not less than three, nor more than five of its most judicious members, to apportion the amount assessed upon the society, among the members thereof.

II. This committee shall report their action to the Church Conference at this, or an adjourned meeting of the same, which shall approve, re-commit, or amend their report; provided, that when approved by the Church Conference it shall be considered an equitable assessment, and shall be morally binding upon the membership of the society.

III. The Secretary of the Church Conference shall furnish the Steward or Stewards of the Society, with a true copy of the assessments, whose duty it shall be to divide them into weekly, or monthly, or quarterly installments and collect the same as promptly as possible.

IV. The Stewards may appoint collectors to assist them in this work. They may, also, adopt the envelope system, which, in many places, both on our circuits and stations, has proven a very convenient and efficient auxiliary to the Stewardship.

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\*Where the parsonage belongs to the Church, the Stewards should fix the fair rental value thereof, and report the same as so much paid on the salary of their Pastor.

V. If a member should fail or refuse to pay his assessment, the Stewards shall endeavor to make up the amount by voluntary contributions; provided, however, that they shall report the facts in the case to the next session of the Church Conference.

VI. The Church Conference may adopt such measures, in all cases, as they may deem proper, subject only to the law of the Church.

## SECTION V.

### OF PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS.

It shall be the duty of the Presiding Elders of the several Districts to present written reports at each session of the Annual Conference, showing:

1. The condition of the finances of their respective Districts.
  2. The manner in which the financial plans of the Discipline and of the Conference have been executed.
  3. Whether any neglect of duty is chargeable on the ministers or lay-officials.
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## XI.

### MODE OF ELECTING DELEGATES TO THE DISTRICT AND ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

The first or second Quarterly Conference of each pastoral charge shall elect three male members of the church to represent such pastoral charge in the District Conference; and the District Conference shall elect, by ballot, four delegates (one of whom may be a local preacher) to the ensuing Annual Conference: Provided, that no member of the Annual Conference shall vote in said election, and that the delegates elected shall be twenty-five years of age, and shall have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for six years next preceding their election.

## XII.

### CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

#### I.—TRAVELING MINISTERS.

The figures in the second column give the date of admission *on trial* into the traveling connection.

The letters denote, E—Elder; D—Deacon; P—Probationer; Sy—Supernumerary; Sd—Superannuated.

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) were not present during the session.

Where the State is not given the Postoffice is in Virginia.

NAMES	ENTERED ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
1. Allen, William E.	1850	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight co.
2. Ames, Benjamin T.*	1858	E Sd	Locustville, Accomac county.
3. Amiss, Joseph H.	1854	E	Onancock      "      "
4. Anderson, James M.	1857	E	Temperanceville, "      "
5. Armistead, Robert A.	1868	E	Dinwiddie courthouse.
6. Atwell, Wm. H.	1874	P	Matthews courthouse.
7. August, Peter F.	1846	E	Salisbury, Md.,
8. Bacon, Herbert T.	1865	E	311 Nicholson street, Richmond.
9. Bain, William F.	1851	E	Campbell courthouse.
10. Bayley, John	1840	E	128 Wythe street, Petersburg.
11. Bayton, Thomas J.	1846	E	Princess Anne courthouse.
12. Beadles, Robert B.*	1855	E Sy	Ashland, Hanover county.
13. Beckham, Thomas M.	1863	E	St. Tammany's, Mecklenburg county.
14. Bennett, William W.	1842	E	920 Main Street, Richmond.
15. Bickel, Frederick	1873	P	Richmond.
16. Bishop, Milton L.*	1848	E	Flint Hill, Rappahannock county.
17. Blackwell, John D.	1846	E	Lynchburg.
18. Bledsoe, Adam C.	1861	E	2208 Broad street, Richmond.
19. Bledsoe, James W.	1869	E	Danville.
20. Blincoe, James W.	1857	E	Blacks and Whites, Nottaway county.
21. Blogg, Edward N. S.	1860	E	Baltimore, Md.
21. Boggs, Thomas H.	1855	E	King George courthouse.
22. Booker, George E.	1859	E	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
23. Bowles, Henry C.	1860	E	Meadsville, Halifax county.
24. Brannin, James F.	1845	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county.
25. Brown, Alexander G.	1853	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
26. Butts, Daniel G. C.	1870	E	Heathsville, Northumberland county.
27. Campbell, Thomas H.	1872	D	Amherst courthouse.
28. Camper, William H.*	1859	E Sy	Orange courthouse.
29. Carson, Joseph*	1805	E Sd	Culpepper courthouse.
30. Cheatham, Henry C.	1857	E	723 North 24th street, Richmond.
31. Christian, William H.	1852	E	Lynchburg.
32. Clarke, Joseph, S. R.	1839	E	Moore's Ordinary, Prince Edward co.
33. Cobb, William R.*	1868	E P	Nashville, Tenn.
34. Colonna, Major S.	1858	E	Cambridge, Dorchester county, Md.
35. Compton, James W.	1860	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
36. Compton, R. A.	1862	E	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
37. Connelly, James W.	1860	E	Phillip's Store, Surry county.
38. Crawley, James D.	1874	P	Amelia courthouse.
39. Crocker, William A.	1843	E	Nomini Grove, Westmoreland county.
40. Crooks, Robert N.	1855	E	Grafton, York county.
41. Crown, James H.	1856	E	Portsmouth.
42. Dalby, James H.	1874	P	Leesville, Campbell county.
43. Daugherty, Beverly W.	1855	E	Pungoteague, Onancock county.
44. Davis, Joseph H.	1836	E	Norfolk city.
45. Davis, Fielding A.	1837	E Sd	
46. Devany, Benjamin*	1806	E Sd	Jerusalem, Southampton county.
47. Dey, John B.	1847	E	Salisbury, Md.
48. Duncan, James A.*	1849	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
49. Duncan, Wm. Wallace	1859	E	15 Washington street, Petersburg.
50. Early, Thomas H.	1859	E Sy	Lynchburg.
51. Edwards, John E.	1835	E	410 Grace street, Richmond.
52. Edwards, Joseph J.	1850	E	Norfolk city.
53. Edward, William E.	1862	E	136 Bank street, Norfolk city.
54. Edwards, Francis M.	1863	E	Farmville.
55. Evers, Christian	1872	D	Holcombe's Rock, Bedford county.
56. Ferguson, Richard	1869	E	Chester, Chesterfield county.
57. Finnell, James F.*	1853	E	Amissville, Rappahannock county
58. Fishburn, P. H.	1871	D	Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
59. Garrett, Joshua L.*	1866	E	Gravel Hill, Buckingham county.
60. Garland, James P.	1858	E	Portsmouth.
61. Garlick, John C.*	1839	E Sd	Garysburg, N. C.
62. Gary, Hortwell H.	1839	E	Red Hill, Albemarle county.
63. Gates, James E.	1871	E	Scottsville, Albermarle county.
64. Gibbs, Esmond A.	1846	E	Charlotte courthouse.
65. Granberry, John C.	1848	E	Marshall st., bet. 7th and 8th, Richmond.
66. Green, Charles H.	1873	P	King William courthouse.
67. Gregory, Robert A.*	1844	E Sd	Lynchburg.
68. Gregory, Werter H.	1871	D	Berlin, Md.
69. Guy, Lewis A.	1872	D	819 China street, Richmond.
70. Hall, Alexander M.	1852	E	Matthews courthouse.
71. Hank, Josiah D.	1857	E	Saluda, Middlesex county.
72. Herring, Benjamin S.	1874	P	Penn's store, Patrick county.
73. Hilldrup, John W.	1866	E	Madison courthouse.
74. Hobday, Chas. E.	1867	E	Chuckatuck, Nansemond county.
75. Hodges, David F.	1867	E	Pittsylvania courthouse.
76. Hope, Herbert M.	1873	P	Cambridge, Dorchester county, Md.
77. Howard, John W.	1845	E	Palmyra, Fluvana county.
78. Hughes, James A.	1869	E	Harvey's Store, Charlotte county.
79. Hunter, Joshua S.	1870	E	Louisa courthouse.
80. Jamieson, James*	1829	E	Boydtown, Mecklenburg county.
81. Jordan, William P.	1869	E	Edenton, N. C.
82. Jordan, Edward M.	1869	E	Culpepper courthouse.
83. Jones, John N.*	1866	E	Ivor, Southampton county.
84. Judkins, William E.	1853	E	Lynchburg.
85. Kabler, John H.	1873	P	Orange courthouse.
86. Lafferty, John J.	1857	E Sy	920 Main street, Richmond.

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NAMES.	ENTERED ITINERANCY	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
87. Lambeth, Samuel S.	1857	E	Danville.
88. Langhorne, Geo. W.*	1830	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
89. Laurens, John B.	1853	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
90. Lear, Joseph	1834	E	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
91. Lee, Leroy M.	1828	E	Ashland, Hanover county.
92. Littleton, Oscar	1850	E	Gloucester courthouse.
93. Lumpkin, Wm. G.	1854	E	Petersburg.
94. Lumpkin, James T.	1870	E	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
95. Lumsden, James D.	1838	E	Hampton.
96. Manning, Jacob	1839	E	Farmville.
97. Martin, James C.	1859	E	Elizabeth City, N. C.
98. Maynard, James H.	1873	P	Spottsylvania courthouse.
99. McAden, James*	1814	E Sd	South Hill, Mecklenburg county.
100. McCleland, John	1845	E	Bumpass', Hanover county.
101. McGee, William	1843	E	Manchester.
102. McSparran, James E.	1857	E	Concord, Campbell county.
103. Merritt, Joseph B.	1862	E	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
104. Michaels, Robert*	1836	E Sd	Amelia courthouse.
105. Mitchell, Hez. P.	1854	E	Portsmouth.
106. Mitchell, Wm. E.*	1871	P	Stevensville, King and Queen county.
107. Moore, Lloyd	1852	E	Eastville, Northampton county.
108. Moore, John T.	1873	P	Gordonsville, Orange county.
109. Moorman, Sam'l T.*	1828	E Sd	Richmond.
110. Moorman, Rich'd J.	1872	D	Culpepper courthouse.
111. Moss, James O.	1856	E	Lunenburg courthouse.
112. Nolley, George W.	1825	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover county.
113. Norfleet, W. J.	1840	E Sy	Norfolk city.
114. Paulett, Henry C.	1873	P	Clarkesville, Mecklenburg county.
115. Patterson, John H.	1873	P	Ashland, Hanover county.
116. Payne, William E.	1869	E	Stanardsville, Greene county.
117. Peterson, Peter A.	1852	E	113 Chapel street, Norfolk.
118. Peterson, Edward M.	1852	E	59 Charlotte street, "
119. Potts, Joseph E.*	1853	E Sy	Ashland, Hanover county.
120. Pritchett, Edgar H.	1859	E	Liberty, Bedford county.
121. Proctor, Joseph A.	1852	E	Charlottesville.
122. Proctor, Jacob H.	1857	E	Prince George courthouse.
123. Ray, George H.	1853	E	Burkeville, Nottaway county.
124. Reed, Lemuel S.	1849	E	Murfreesboro, N. C.
125. Reed, James C.	1868	E	Churchland, Norfolk county.
126. Rhodes, John Q.	1869	E	Currituck courthouse, N. C.
127. Riddick, James A.*	1833	E Sy	Stoney Creek, Sussex county.
128. Riddick, Joseph H.*	1854	E	Stoney Creek, Sussex county.
129. Robbins, Wilbur F.	1862	E	Berkley, Norfolk county.
130. Robinson, Wm. A.*	1850	E Sd	Ashland, Hanover county.
131. Rosser, Leonidas	1838	E	Richmond.
132. Rowe, John G.	1849	E	Bowling Green, Caroline county.
133. Rowzie, Wm. B.	1829	E	Hicksford, Greenville county.
134. Saunders, John M.	1842	E	Farmville, Prince Edward county.
135. Saunders, Robert M.	1849	E	Freemason street, Norfolk city.
136. Shough, Jacob*	1839	E Sd	Patrick courthouse.
137. Sledd, Robert N.	1857	E	127 Liberty street, Petersburg.

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NAMES.	ENTERED	ITINERANCY.	GRADE AND RELATION.	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
138. Smithey, William R.	1873	P		Coleraine, Bertie county, N. C.
139. Southall, John D.	1842	E		Mossing Ford, Charlotte county.
140. Spain, William W.	1859	E		Batesville, Albemarle county.
141. Spencer, James L.	1850	E		Hampton.
142. Spiller, Benjamin C.	1848	E		Pierce's, Goochland county.
143. Starr, William G.	1865	E		Murfreesboro, N. C.
144. Taylor, Travis	1867	E		New London, Bedford county.
145. Taylor, Walter C.*	1869	E Sy		Kent Island, Queen Anne's county, Md.
146. Tennille, Benjamin F.	1867	E		Jackson, N. C.
147. Tucker, John W.	1861	E		Rocky Mount, Franklin county.
148. Twilly, William J.	1874	P		(P. O. not known.)
149. Twitty, James F.	1871	E		Charlottesville.
150. Vaden, Wesley C.	1861	E		Prospect, Prince Edward county.
151. Vanderslice, George C.	1859	E		806 West Main street, Richmond.
152. Waggener, James R.*	1849	E		Oak Forest, Cumberland county.
153. Wallace, David M.	1853	E		Lawrenceville, Brunswick county.
154. Ware, Thomas A.	1848	E		Charlottesville.
155. Watson, James C.	1859	E		Hertford, N. C.
156. Watts, Robert W.	1857	E		Mechum's River, Albemarle county.
157. Watts, Charles E.	1866	E		Stevensville, King and Queen county.
158. Weaver, John T.	1871	E		Davis' Mills, Bedford county.
159. Wertenbaker, Chas. C.	1868	E		Upper Trappe, Wicomico county, Md.
160. White, John W.	1828	E		Montross, Westmoreland county.
161. White, William T.	1859	E		Clover Hill, Chesterfield county.
162. Whitehead, Paul	1853	E		Farmville, Prince Edward county.
163. Wiles, Alfred	1848	E		Lancaster courthouse.
164. Wills, Davis P.	1846	E		305 West Main street, Richmond.
165. Williams, Benj. M.	1858	E Sd		Savoy, Fannin county, Texas.
166. Williams, William G.	1850	E		Curl's Wharf, Henrico county.
167. Williams, Thomas L.	1853	E		Gatesville, Gates county, N. C.
168. Wilson, Edward P.	1842	E		Ashland, Hanover county,
169. Wise, Thomas P.	1863	E		Slatersville, New Kent county.
170. Woodward, Benj. F.	1844	E		105 Third street, Richmond.
171. Woodward, John P.	1853	E		Charley Hope, Brunswick county.
172. Woodward, Frank C.	1874	P		Murfreesboro, N. C.
173. Wright, William P.	1867	E		Coleraine, Bertie county.
174. Wright, George M.	1869	E		Petersburg.

NOTE.—There is an error in the notation on page 61. The total is 175.

## II.—LAY DELEGATES PRESENT AT THE SESSION OF 1874.

NAMES.	DISTRICT REPRESENTED.	POST OFFICES.
1 Anderson, G.	Richmond.	Plain View, King and Queen county.
2 Bailey, Rev. G. W.	Charlottesville.	Criglersville, Madison county.
3 Bain, George M., Jr.,	Norfolk.	Portsmouth.
4 Baker, W. E.	Rand. Macon.	Montross, Westmoreland county.
5 Blackwell, R. A.	Lynchburg.	Holly Dale, Lunenburg county.
6 Brodwater, J. E.	Eastern Shore.	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
7 Dickerson, H. D.	Petersburg.	Wilson's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
8 Downing, Samuel	Rand. Macon.	Lancaster courthouse.
9 Garrett, Thomas W.	Rand. Macon.	King and Queen courthouse.
10 Gary, M. E.	Richmond.	Richmond city.
11 Grant, Rev. Wm.	Murfreesboro.	Jackson, Northampton county.
12 Hamlin, T. B.	Petersburg.	Ford's Depot, Dinwiddie county.
13 Hunter, E. R.	Norfolk.	Portsmouth.
14 Jackson, Hugh	Eastern Shore.	Salisbury, Md.
15 Jordon, A. S.	Murfreesboro.	Gatesville, Gates county, N. C.
16 Kelley, A. G.	Eastern Shire.	
17 Kilby, John R.	Murfreesboro.	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
18 Lambeth, T. H.	Richmond.	Richmond city.
19 McMullan, F. M.	Charlottesville.	Stanardsville, Greene county.
20 Moyers, G. W.	Charlottesville.	Gordonsville, Orange county.
21 Palmer, L. J.	Farmville.	Charley Hope, Brunswick county.
22 Parker, Richard	Danville.	Chatham, Pittsylvania county.
23 Sanderlin, Thomas	Norfolk.	Shingle Landing, Currituck county.
24 Traynham, Rev. D. J.	Danville.	Harmony, Halifax county.
25 Waddill, A.	Lynchburg.	Lynchburg.
26 West, John T.	Norfolk.	Lake Drummond, Norfolk county.
27 Wilkinson, J. N.	Richmond.	Richmond city.
28 Wray, T. C.	Lynchburg.	Lynchburg.

The last name was erroneously printed Raay on page 3 in the Committee on Publishing Interests.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## III.—LOCAL MINISTERS.

Where the State is not given the Post-Office is in Virginia.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
1 Albertson, Joshua .....	Lambsburg, Carroll county, N. C.
2 Allen, Samuel C.....	Harris' Creek, Amherst county.
3 Ammons, H. M.....	Richmond city.
4 Archer, Allen L.....	Petersburg.
5 Arnold, Joseph D.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county.
6 Bagwell, Thomas H.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
7 Bailey, James.....	Petersburg.
8 Bailey, George W.....	Criglersville, Madison county.
9 Bailey, Azariah.....	Whittle's Depot, Pittsylvania county.
10 Barnes, James H.....	Amelia courthouse.
11 Barnet, Edward D.....	Cambridge, Md.
12 Beach, William B.....	Gogginsville, Franklin county.
13 Best, William D.....	Parham's Store, Sussex county.
14 Berryman, Edward T.....	Lake Drummond, Norfolk county.
15 Betty, L. B.....	Wood's Cross Roads, Gloucester county.
16 Bingley, Charles V .....	Petersburg.
17 Blackwell, John C.....	Buckingham courthouse.
18 Blount, David S.....	Mountain Road, Halifax county,
19 Bouldin, R. E.....	Aspinwall, Charlotte county.
20 Bradley, Paul.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
21 Brent, William.....	Kilmarnoch, Lancaster county.
22 Bristow, James E.....	Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.
23 Britton, Elisha R.....	Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.
24 Brock, John P.....	Gordonsville, Orange county.
25 Buckner, B. M.....	Villa Green, Hanover county.
26 Burton, J. M.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
27 Carter, William .....	Boydton, Mecklenburg county.
28 Carey, E. B.....	Berlin, Md.
29 Cavendy, Edward.....	Portsmouth.
30 Chamberlayne, Nelson.....	South Mills, N. C.
31 Chandler, R. M.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
32 Claiborne, John G.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.
33 Clarke, William G.....	Woodbridge, Fluvanna county.
34 Cooper, Joshua.....	Bacon's Castle, Surry county.
35 Cottrell, Charles.....	Matoaca, Chesterfield county.
36 Cox, Newton H.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
37 Crawley, James D.....	Prospect, Prince Edward county.
38 Crostick, James D.....	Petersburg.
39 Creasy, Walter S.....	Mount Airy, Surry county, N. C.
40 Crismond, J. P. H.....	Spotsylvania courthouse.
41 Crowder, James A.....	Suffolk, Nansemond county.
42 Crowder, Joseph A.....	Centenary, Buckingham county.
43 Crowder, Giles N.....	Hyco, Halifax county.
44 Crute, John V.....	Curdsville, Buckingham county.
45 Dameron, William H.....	Smoky Ordinary, Brunswick county.
46 Darden, James M.....	Richmond city.
47 Davis, B. A.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county.

## CONFERENCE DIRECTORY—CONTINUED.

## LOCAL MINISTERS.

NAMES.	POST OFFICES.
48 Dear, Luther.....	Norfolk city.
49 Deberry, J. B.....	Margarettesville, Northampton co., N.C.
50 Deshago, J. E.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
51 De Witt, Elisha.....	Big Island, Bedford county.
52 Diggs, Thomas.....	
53 Donald, James M.....	Rexberry, Essex county.
54 Doss, William L.....	Renhook.
55 Dunn, Thomas A.....	Trevillions, Louisa county.
56 Drumwright, Thomas J.....	Wakefield, Isle of Wight county.
57 Edwards, Alpheus L.....	Elmington, Nelson county.
58 Elliott, J. W.....	Locust Mount, Accomac county.
59 Elliott, W. J.....	Quantico, Wicomico county. Md.
60 Evans, William .....	Burgess' Store, Northumberland county.
61 Ferrebee, Samuel.....	Indian Town, Currituck county, N. C.
62 Ferrebee, George E.....	Norfolk city.
63 Finch, L. E.....	Boydtown, Mecklenburg county.
64 Fleury, Thomas D.....	Norfolk city.
65 Flythe, Jesse.....	Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.
66 Folkes, C. C.....	Wilcox Wharf, Charles City county.
67 Forbes, John H.....	Mt. Carmel, Halifax county.
68 Fortune, Joel.....	Howardsville, Albemarle county.
69 Foster, Richard, (colored).....	Powhatan courthouse.
70 Foushee, Nathan B.....	Culpepper courthouse.
71 Fultz, Joseph.....	Thackston's, Bedford county.
72 Fulton, Thomas .....	Concord Depot, Campbell county.
73 Gee, Walter A.....	South Hill, Mecklenburg county.
74 Gordon, William H.....	Ballsville, Powhatan county.
75 Gosee, F. A.....	Petersburg.
76 Grant, William.....	Jackson, Northampton county, N. C.
77 Grasty, George F.....	New Glasgow, Amherst county.
78 Green, L. Rosser.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
79 Hall, John B.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county.
80 Halstead, Adam.....	Princess Anne courthouse.
81 Halstead, Hardy H .....	Pleasant Ridge, Princess Anne county.
82 Harrison, James W.....	Petersburg.
83 Harrison, John.....	North Landing, Princess Anne county.
84 Harrison, Zacariah E.....	Gordonsville, Orange county.
85 Hawks, E. A.....	Wellville, Nottoway county.
86 Hayes, Thomas W.....	Winton, N. C.
87 Hebard, Edward .....	Pungoteague, Accomac county.
88 Herndon, John A.....	Danville, Pittsylvania county.
89 Holt, James A.....	Heathsburg, Northumberland county.
90 Howard, Pleasant.....	Seven Islands, Fluvanna county.
91 Hoyle, Thomas L.....	Madison courthouse.
92 Humphreys, J. E.....	Bell Haven, Accomac county.
93 Jackson, J. E.....	Manchester, Chesterfield county.
94 Jarvis, Bannister H.....	Poplar Branch, Currituck county, N. C.
95 Jefferson, John A.....	Petersburg.
96 Jefferson, James H.....	Leesville, Campbell county.
97 Jett, Starke .....	Burgess' Store, Northumberland county.
98 Jones, A. G.....	Wilson Depot, Dinwiddie county.
99 Jones, James.....	Kennedy's Store, Brunswick county.

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100 Jordan, James P.....	Smithfield, Isle of Wight county.
101 Jordan, Costen .....	Sunbury, Gates county, N. C.
102 Keily, John D.....	Petersburg.
103 Kennedy, W. W. ....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
104 Kibler, J. L. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
105 Kirby, John W. ....	Petersburg.
106 Lampkin, James J. ....	Chalk Level, Pittsylvania county.
107 Lawrence, John O. ....	Portsmouth.
108 Lear, W. W. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
109 Leary, Joseph.....	Coleraine, Bertie county, N. C.
110 Lecato, L. K.....	Locustville, Accomac county.
111 Lee, R. A. ....	Leesville, Campbell county.
112 Lipscomb, Bernard F.....	Richmond city.
113 Markwood, L. P. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
114 McGilvray, W. B. ....	Richmond city.
115 McKenney, Samuel B. ....	Princess Anne courthouse.
116 Miller, John .....	Rehobeth, Northumberland county.
117 Moody, Woodson C. ....	Saluda, Middlesex county.
118 Moorman, John I. ....	Castle Craig, Campbell county.
119 Morgan, Seth.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
120 Mullen, Robert H. ....	Cor. 11th and Main street, Richmond.
121 Mullen, Samuel H. ....	Holcombe's Rock, Bedford county.
122 Napier, William H. ....	Central Plains, Fluvanna county.
123 Newson, Thomas M. ....	Jarrett's, Sussex county.
124 Oldham, Montcalm.....	Temperanceville, Accomac county.
125 Oneel, Isaac.....	Manteo, Dare county, N. C.
126 Owens, Benjamin H. ....	Portsmouth.
127 Parham, G. W. S. ....	Poplar Mount, Greenville county.
128 Parrish, John W. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
129 Pasterfield, J. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
130 Peace, Willis H. ....	Jonesboro, Brunswick county.
131 Peatross, Robert S. ....	Hanover courthouse.
132 Petherbridge, Charles W. ....	Richmond city.
133 Pettit, Charles W. ....	Norfolk city.
134 Pitts, John R. ....	Berlin, Md.
135 Pitts, Robert .....	New Ark, Md.
136 Pritchard, Doctor.....	Windsor, N. C.
137 Pruden, Nathaniel J. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
138 Pryor, Hartwell T. ....	Big Island, Bedford county.
139 Purcell, John .....	Oldham's Cross Roads, Westmoreland co.
140 Ramsey, Isaiah .....	Burgess' Store, Pittsylvania county.
141 Rawlings, Nichols .....	Gholsonville, Brunswick county.
142 Richards, O. P. ....	Peola Mills, Madison county.
143 Richardson, W. P. ....	Wilson's landing, Charles City county.
144 Rives, George .....	Newsom's, Southampton county.
145 Robinson, E. C. ....	Amelia courthouse.
146 Rowlett, James D. ....	Chester, Chesterfield county.
147 Rowlett, Thomas W. ....	Chula Depot, Amelia county.
148 Royall, W. W. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
149 Rucker, William G. ....	Lynchburg.
150 Sale, Augustus W. ....	Richmond city.
151 Sanford, Robert J. ....	Kinsale, Westmoreland county.

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152 Shroaff, Charles M.....	Madison courthouse.
153 Shackford, John W.....	Walkerton, King and Queen county.
154 Smith, James.....	Heathsville, Northumberland county.
155 Smith, Joseph.....	Belvidere, Perquimans county, N. C.
156 Spiers, Jesse B.....	Ream's Station, Dinwiddie county.
157 Stables, Alfred.....	Burkville, Nottaway county.
158 Stevens, Richard.....	Verdiersville, Orange county.
159 Stewart, James.....	Stewartsville, Bedford county.
160 Strawhand, James E.....	Princess Anne courthouse.
161 Stroud, Thomas B. ....	Petersburg.
162 Syncoe, John W.....	Petersburg.
163 Taylor, G. R. ....	Ashland, Hanover county.
164 Thomas, George E.....	Matthews courthouse.
165 Thomas, Allen J.....	Point Eastern, Caroline county.
166 Thrift, S. L.....	Norfolk city.
167 Tompkins, William A.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
168 Trowers, L. D.....	Taylor's Island, Md.
169 Trimyler, George W.....	Richmond city.
170 Traynham, D. J.....	Harmony, Halifax county.
171 Vaden, Michael .....	Winterpock, Chesterfield county.
172 Vandiver, E. G.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
173 Warwick, B. P.....	Petersburg.
174 Weaver James C.....	Onancock, Accomac county.
175 Whitehead, Willis.....	Belvidere, Perqimans county, N. C.
176 Wendell, T. N.....	Proctor's Creek, Chesterfield county.
177 Wingfield, Nathan D.....	Amherst courthouse.
178 Wolff, W. E.....	Ashland, Hanover county.
179 Yarrell, J. W.....	Margarettsville, Northampton co., N. C.

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## THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL.

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DO WE THEN MAKE VOID THE LAW THROUGH FAITH? GOD FORBID: YEA,  
WE ESTABLISH THE LAW.—Romans, iii. 31.

There is very little of metaphysics in the Bible, and the little there is, is nearly all in the epistles of St. Paul. It is confined almost exclusively to one topic—Justification by Faith—and is intended, chiefly, to show that this doctrine does not conflict with the dignity and claims of the Law.

There is, to this day, much foggy and confused thinking upon this subject. The popular conception of the matter seems to be about this: that the law is all mere justice and severity, and the gospel all mere graciousness. I think that young people almost always regard the law and the gospel as being in antagonism with each other; as if the law were eager to have possession of men to destroy them, and the gospel struggling to recover them from the grasp of the law, to bless and save them. This conception is wholly false. It is not true that the law is all severity, and the gospel all graciousness. On the contrary the law, in one aspect of it, and, indeed, in its very nature and design, is as much an expression of the divine beneficence as the gospel is; and, on the other hand, the gospel, in one aspect of it, is as much an expression of the divine severity as the law. There is no contest over men, between the law and the gospel. They are in perfect harmony at all points. Faith does not make the law void, but establishes it.

To make this affirmation of the text good, is the object of this sermon. For this purpose it will be necessary to give

I. AN ANALYSIS OF THE LAW, BOTH AS TO ITS NATURE AND FUNCTIONS. This done, we shall be prepared to enter directly upon the inquiry, Is the law made void by the gospel?

1. *The law is an assertion of the Divine authority over intelligent creatures.* I need not say that the law in question is the moral law. It embodies the will of the Creator, with respect to the conduct of His creatures.

2. The law is not only an assertion of the authority of God; it also postulates the ultimate truth with regard to moral relations. The Divine will is not capricious. It is coincident with the absolute truth.

What is the law, reduced to its last statement? Moses gave a very close analysis of it in the Decalogue. But Christ reduced it to the last analysis in that great saying, "The first and great command is this: thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." The affirmation, "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and thy neighbor as thyself," was not first made by Christ. It stands in the Old Testament Scriptures. But it was reserved to Christ to say, "This is the first and great commandment," and "The second is like unto it," and "on these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." That these statements of Christ concerning these two commandments are true, that all the law does, indeed, hang on them, will appear to any one who will take the pains to review the Ten Commandments. These commandments given to Moses in the mount are God's own synopsis of the law. They were written by His finger upon two tables of stone. The first four were engraved on one table, and are called the commandments of the first table. The remaining six were engraved upon another, and are denominated the commandments of the *second table*. Examine these: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," "Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image," "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy." These commandments of the first table are against idolatry, against image worship, against the profanation of the Most Holy Name; and require the consecration of a fixed portion of time to the Creator. They all have respect to the duties we owe to God. Now, tell me, if any man loves God with his whole heart, will he not keep all these? And if a man loves his neighbor as himself, will he not keep all the com-

mandments of the second table, which forbid murder, theft and all other acts injurious to a fellow creature? It is most true, indeed, that all the law is fulfilled in one word—LOVE. He, who loves God with all his strength, and his neighbor as himself, will fulfill the law of his own nature in keeping the law of God.

In this law of love is found the *ultimate truth* with regard to moral relations. Where it is realized, each individual cherishes the welfare of all others, and the full measure of his powers goes to swell the sum of universal good. The law, then, is not a mere capricious assertion of authority—it postulates the ultimate moral truth.

But this proposition is not to be understood as in any degree mitigating the fact of the Divine authority. If the will of God is coincident with ultimate truth, that will is no less sovereign and almighty in maintaining the law, which is itself, also, the truth. The majesty and magistracy of God must not be set aside by a vain philosophy. The law is the truth, given by Divine legislation, and enforced by supreme, executive, sovereign, authority and power.

3. *The law is the utterance of the moral nature of God.* Mr. Wesley called it a transcript of the divine mind. My proposition puts the same truth in other terms. The ultimate moral truth is subjective in God. In the law, God simply utters *Himself* as to his moral nature. “God is love,” and “love is the fulfilling of the law,” as we have already seen. Love is not, properly, an attribute of God, but the very essence of His moral nature. The more deeply you consider this the more clearly will you see its truth. Every one of the moral attributes of the Creator is but a phase of love. For what is truth, but love speaking the words that are right? What is mercy, but love condescending to the unworthy and the miserable? What, indeed, is justice itself but love governing the universe for the highest ends? And the law is love brought into expression in the conduct of intelligent beings. The law, then, is the utterance of the moral nature of God.

4. *The Law solves the problem involved in the relation of the individual liberty to the common welfare.* Political philosophy has been embarrassed by this problem from the first. Men in society, are in such relations to each other that, each one in pursuing his own ends and seeking to gratify his own desires, is liable to trench upon the rights, to encroach upon the possessions, and disturb the peace of others. To insure the public welfare, therefore, private liberty must be restrained. The general good demands a thousand checks upon the freedom of personal ambition and impulse. In business, in social intercourse, in

the gratification of appetite, in the pursuit of honors and pleasures, a man must be held under repression, lest he should jostle and damage his neighbor. But let the law of God—the law of love—be realized in character and become universal, and the conflict ceases. This law, realized in consciousness, and giving impulse to desire and pursuit, will but enhance the common good, through the means of personal freedom; for each one will find his own happiness in promoting the well-being of others. Love finds its blessedness in blessing. It is more pained in the injury of others than in its own calamities. It seeks its own in contributing to the common wealth. Give the man, who loves his neighbor as he loves himself, perfect liberty! Never fear him. The common weal will only be enhanced by his freedom. Who ever thinks of putting restraints upon a mother in the midst of her family? If only she has knowledge and wisdom enough to understand what is best, there is no fear. Trust her with her children! Let her be perfectly free! Just let her have her own way! There is no other possible means of insuring the welfare of her children comparable to that. She shall do what she pleases!

Did the law of God but rule in all hearts, each one would contribute to the utmost of his power and resources to the welfare of the whole. He would do this of his own suggestion. He would do it freely. It would be the outcome of his personal liberty. In that case, the largest personal freedom, would insure the largest possible sum of personal and universal good.

It follows that the law gives this divine solution of the problem involved in the relation of the individual liberty to the common welfare. It secures at once, the largest conceivable measure of freedom to the individual, and the largest possible amount of good to the whole. Indeed the common good is assured by the very liberty of the individual. It is enhanced by this very means in the highest possible degree. Let God once reign in all hearts, and you may turn every man loose! In such a case any restraint on one, must diminish the sum of the common blessedness; for all the free activities in the whole would contribute to the general fund.

5. *The law is the condition of life.* This proposition is incontestable and universal. The law does not furnish the condition of salvation to the sinner, but this fact does not affect the truth of our proposition. It is the universal and unalterable condition of life. This is true whether you take the word condition in its popular or in its scientific import. “What saith the law? He that doeth these things shall live by them.” On the condition of keeping the law, life is secure. “The

soul that sinneth, it shall die." He who keeps the law lives, he who violates it dies. God has never assured life to any, while they live in sin. "The wages of sin is death." So, also, in the scientific use of the term ; life is conditioned upon the law, and is realized in the law. In the very fact of conformity to the law, there is life, and any departure from it is death.

To see this clearly we must contemplate it in the light of a truth already established in this sermon. The essence of the law is love—pure, divine love. It is not that passion, which is sometimes misnamed love, and which is only lust, but such holy affection as that which brought Christ down from heaven for us. It is a matter of consciousness that both purity and peace are found in this. In the benificent affections there is inward harmony, while selfish passions are in their own nature a cause of torment. The subjective state of the man in whose character the law of love is the supreme fact, is that which the Bible calls life, and the inward discord, impurity, and torment of selfish passion, is the very state which is named death. It is the living, conscious death, in which being itself is perverted and becomes a curse—it is the death "that never dies." How manifestly true it is then, that life is conditioned upon the law—that the law indeed, inwrought into character is the very spiritual life itself. It is the life of God in the soul, for the law is the utterance of the moral life of God.

Not only is the law incorporated into personal character, the fountain of spiritual life; but it is the basis of all good relations between intelligent creatures, and the condition of both harmony and happiness in the social state. It secures life objectively as well as subjectively : "For he that will love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile; let him eschew evil and do good; let him seek peace and ensue it." If you can imagine a state of society in which all are elevated to the perfect standard of the law, life will abound within and without. All must be purity and peace, confidence and joy. None need stand in the attitude of defense, none can have occasion of fear, or, even of suspicion. Unruffled happiness must reign in the soul, and undisturbed tranquility in society. In the inward domain there can be naught to embitter, in the outer world, naught to alarm. Fulness of life arises within, and fulness of peace responds from without.

Nor can I doubt that this constitutes the very blessedness of the heavenly state. My conception of heaven is not what it was some years ago. Then, my ideas of it were formed chiefly from the semi-sensual, poetical descriptions given in the last chapters of the Apoca-

lypse. True, I still cling to these, and enjoy that side of the coming glory as intensely as I did then. I love to think of the "great white throne," and of the river of life; of the sea of glass, and of the fine linen, white and clean, which is the righteousness of saints; of the house where the many mansions are, and of the angels, and men redeemed from the earth—the just made perfect. I love to hear, in imagination, the music, and the worship, and the shouting, which shall be like the voice of many waters and mighty thunders. Nor do I doubt that there is a place called heaven, "the metropolis of Jehovah's empire," where Infinite creative skill has brought into objective expression the highest, divinest types of beauty and grandeur for the delectation of the children of God. In this house of the just there is nothing to offend. The splendor of it is but feebly suggested in the fact that, the very foundations of the outer walls—the meanest stones in all the city—are emerald, and jacinth, and sardonyx, and beryl. The meanest stones are jems, and the pavement of the streets is gold.

But while I still revel in these gorgeous pictures, there is now a view of heaven, which seems to me to be infinitely more precious. There is one passage in the first Epistle of St. John, that gives a deeper insight into heaven, and a more resplendent vision of its glory. It gives not the outward expression, but the inner, essential glory. These are the words; he that hath ears to hear let him hear: "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is." Not *where* a man is, but *what* he is, is the great matter. No external condition can insure felicity. There must be the inward adaptation. There must be capacity for blessedness. What would heaven be to your horse? He would not exchange a ten acre meadow for it all. No doubt heaven is a place, but much more is it a state. There is a magnificent objective side to it, but in its essence it is subjective. Let the young people of my congregation hear me, especially when I say, that the great thing in every man's case is *character*. Not *where* a man is, but *what* he is—not what a man *has*, but what he *is*, ought to concern him chiefly. "The kingdom of heaven is *within you*." Hear what I say: *it is character that makes destiny*. I shall never forget how nature in its most beautiful forms gloomed, before me when the guilt of my sins was upon me, nor how the world flamed into a new beauty, how the very forests seemed touched with celestial light, when I first felt the peace of God within. The truth is, the *subjective* projects its own light upon the *objective*, and as to our delight in them, things are very much what we, ourselves, make them. **IT IS CHARACTER THAT MAKES DESTINY.** To be like the

Lord Jesus is my highest conception of heaven, and to be like Him, is to have a character modeled upon the law.

There is another Bible description of heaven, which lies in the line of my thought. It is in the Apocalypse : "He that overcometh shall inherit all things, and I will be his God, and he shall be my son." This is not mere poetry, it is literal truth. I shall, if I am saved at last, find myself in possession of all things. All heaven and all worlds will be my property. The very angels will belong to me, and all redeemed men. I shall—I say it with awe—inherit even God! Yet, will my title not be exclusive. Every saved soul will enjoy the same vast property. But my title will not be a mere fractional interest, reduced by these innumerable participants, to an infinitesimal share. The great domain of the universe will be mine wholly! It will be yours wholly, also, as well as mine! What strange paradox is this? Ah! my brother it is true as strange, and the fact lies in the deepest philosophy of spiritual life. We shall find the explanation in the tenure by which our final possessions are to be held.

The tenure is love! What! are you not satisfied with the title? I tell you it is the most indefeasible and the safest in the universe, and constitutes the most *real* possession. Your property that you hold in fee and in the best securities, may stand in a defective title, to be defended by litigation, with a thousand costs and vexations, and in the end be lost. At any rate death will wrest it from you. At the very best, it is a loose possession, lying outside of you, and it may be, but a very small part of it actually utilized to any substantial benefit.

But love is the soul's actual grasp and conscious possession of things. It is the inward title and vital hold of its object. He, who loves his neighbor as himself, has him for his property, with all his riches, his virtues, his attainments. What an appropriating possession have I taken of the man whom I love as I love myself! By this tenure, shall I enter upon the ownership of all things at last.

But the glorious wonder is, my title will not interfere with yours, nor yours with mine, nor will the possession of either diminish the value of the estate to the other. On the contrary it will enhance it. There is a Divine law by which participation does not diminish the property of the individual, but multiplies it by the number of participants. Imagine a man, whose property amounts to millions. But he is a solitary man. In all the world there is not one that he loves. He occupies his mansion alone. Of what value is all his wealth to him? What enjoyment has he in it? All may be summed in a very few narrow words. Gratified cupidity, and satiated appetite, and artistic taste, give the full

measure. But let the participation of wife and children come in, and the value of every dollar is multiplied by the wonderful arithmetic of love, and it is only the more fully his as it is theirs also. So will it be in heaven. I shall own all things. So will you, and I shall own you, and you will own me; and I shall own your ownership of all things and of me. Thus your participation, so far from being an intrusion, or abstracting from my possessions, will only enhance my property by the full measure of your own enrichment. I will enjoy your enjoyment of it, as I shall my own, so that your presence and participation will double the estate for me. And the participants will be countless multitudes. Oh! Heaven, when shall I enter upon thy perfect bliss?

How shallow is the philosophy of the selfish man. He imagines that to give up his selfish aims and contests would be his ruin. To him, it seems that to sink self would be to sacrifice everything.

But let us see. Compare the range of the selfish man's enjoyments with that of one who loves his neighbor as he loves himself. The enjoyments of the selfish man are bounded by the limit of his own acquisitions and attainments. The distinctions he has reached, the wealth he has amassed, and the gratification of his appetites and tastes, give the sum of his happiness, and this is to be subtracted from by the amount of his losses, and his baffled plans and defeated hopes. But the man who loves his neighbor as himself enters into the happiness of all others. He enjoys all the prosperity that he knows of. The successes and triumphs of others he enjoys as if they were his own. The range of his enjoyments is limited, not by his acquisitions, but by his capacities. He lays the world under contribution to himself—he draws his revenues from the universe. Such is the magic power of love. It possesses itself of all the wealth of others. A mother enjoys the happiness of her children more than she does her own—aye, perhaps, more than they do themselves. A fatal mistake is that of the selfish man. If he could only rise to the level of this great truth, what a new world he would find himself in. It seems to him that to sink self would be ruin. Not so; for just where the self goes down, consciousness emerges upon a higher plane, and enjoys the freedom of the universe. With infinitely multiplied sources of wealth, there comes also the augmented capacity of enjoyment.

So true is it that the law is the condition of life. It is the very fountain of celestial blessedness. It opens the resources of the universe, and invests us in possession of all things. It is the soul's true enfranchisement. "If the truth shall make you free, you shall be free, indeed." It constitutes the very life of Heaven itself.

It is true, then, as I said in the introduction, that the law is, in one aspect of it, and indeed in its nature and purposes, as really an expression of the divine beneficence as the gospel is. "The law was ordained to life." The very purpose of its ordination, was to secure the spiritual and eternal life and well being of intelligent creatures.

Now you may say, it is plain that the law was ordained to life, and if so it is beyond all question an expression of the divine beneficence. If so, perhaps you may be disposed to infer that the law can never injure you—that you have nothing to fear from it. Let us see.

Take an illustration from the domain of physical law. Even this, also, was ordained to life. Take the law of gravitation, that great, universal law by which all the forces of nature are regulated and held in check. It is evidently a most beneficent law, and was ordained to life. Life would not be possible amid the forces of nature, if they had not metes and bounds set to them by this law. All loose objects on the surface of the earth would otherwise be forever quiescent, or else, thrown about at random, so that no man could calculate upon their movements. No mechanic could know what apparatus might be necessary to elevate beams or stones to their places in the wall. One could not even tell the exertion necessary to set one foot before the other. But with this universal law, dominating nature with absolute uniformity, the little child soon becomes at home in the world and learns how to adjust himself to its movements. Now suppose some man should say, it is clear to me that the law of gravitation was ordained to life—that its very purpose was beneficent. I have, therefore, nothing to fear from this law. It can never hurt me. In this mood, standing on some "pinnacle of the temple," the devil of presumption comes to him and says "jump off, the law of gravitation will never hurt you—it is a beneficent law; never fear." He makes the leap. Imagine the consequences. Or he stands upon a mountain slope in the track of a descending avalanche, and folding his arms, says, "I will just stand still. The law that moves the descending man is a beneficent one." In five minutes he will be a mass of bloody jelly. The truth is that all of God's laws are ordained to life—they have all a beneficent purpose. But the beneficent effect, itself, depends upon the uniformity and certainty of their execution. If this uniformity were broken up by exceptions in favor of the thoughtless or the wayward, the result would be such confusion as would defeat the beneficent purpose. A man must know that a given effect will follow a given condition, always and everywhere, or he can never feel secure. It is, then, in the uniformity of its execution that the beneficent effect of the law is assured. But it follows from this that he, who disregards the law, must be destroyed by it. These laws of

nature go forward to their objective point under the momentum of Omnipotence. He, who adjusts himself to them, has the full advantage of their beneficent design. But if any man shall dare to stand in their way, he must die the death.

Law is given to man for life. But with respect to the law he is free. The purpose of God is that we should *adjust ourselves to the law*. Otherwise, we shall find that the law ordained to life will operate our death. It will do this by virtue of the very fact in which its benificent design appears—that is, the uniformity of its operation. This is true both in the physical and spiritual domain. The law is life to him who adjusts himself to it, and death to him, who violates it.

Especially is the moral law enforced by a penal administration: "The wicked shall be turned into hell with all the nations that forget God." It is maintained by sovereign, Divine authority.

**II.** Now, we are prepared to approach the question of the text: "DO WE, THEN, MAKE VOID THE LAW THROUGH FAITH?" and to examine as to the truth of the reply: "GOD FORBID: YEA, WE ESTABLISH THE LAW."

I have said that the law is the condition of life, and that this is a universal truth. Everywhere and at all times, it is the condition of life. To the unfallen the condition is practicable, but to the fallen it is not. The law is above them. It is impossible to them. They are under a spiritual paralysis, which incapacitates them for its observance.

The law is the condition of life for the unfallen, but it is not the condition of pardon for the guilty. It contains no remedy for the depraved.

But the gospel is also a law. If the law is the condition of life for the unfallen, *the gospel is the law of recovery for the fallen*.

The gospel is not a mere random, uncalculating, undiscriminating distribution of saving mercies. It is a method—it is *God's method of saving the lost*. In the processes of recovery He adheres as invariably to his own established method, as in the case of the moral law. What the method as it applies to infants and the heathen may be, in all respects, we may not know. We know that all, who are saved, are saved by the atonement, and as to those to whom the gospel comes, salvation is conditioned upon repentance and faith. In all cases, we know also that God adheres to His own method.

As the gospel is the law of recovery for the lost, the question is whether this method is in conflict with the original law which is the condition of life. In the salvation of the sinner, is the moral law made void?

If so, it must be in one of two particulars. Either.

First. That it disregards the penal authority of the law, and sets aside the penal administration, or

Second. That it relieves its subjects of the obligation of obedience and holy living.

If the first be true it must appear in the method of pardon. If the second be true, it must appear in the moral processes of salvation as they appear in personal character.

Let us look into the facts. Our first inquiry is with respect to the law of pardon as it relates to the penal administration. Does it discredit the moral law? Does it contemn or dishonor the punitive authority? Let us see how the case stands.

The terms of the law are: "The soul that sinneth, it shall die." The inviolable claim of justice is concerned here. Death is the penalty of sin. If the penalty should fail in any one case, the justice of God is impeached. No greater calamity could befall the universe; for the infinite integrity of the Divine justice, is the sole guarantee of the peace of the universe. If it shall fail in any one case it is not infinite. One failure would be conclusive proof of its imperfection. If the Divine justice is imperfect, universal disorder impends. The law must be uniform to insure its beneficent end, as we have already seen. Heaven and earth may fail, but not one jot or tittle of the law shall fail. Death always follows sin. There are no exceptional cases. There never was one and never will be—never can be. No sinner ever entered heaven over the trampled and dishonored law. Every sin that is committed is followed by death.

The method of pardon provided in the gospel meets the case. In the atoning sacrifice of Christ the demand of the law is met in the full measure of its penalty. The incarnate Son of God appears for man before the law. He offers His life for man's life. What a solemn, yea, what an awful spectacle is this. The Son of God, invites the stroke of justice impending over man, upon His own head. If the case had been submitted to me, I should have said that for Him to stand and proclaim Himself the representative of man would be enough. I should have thought, *a priori*, that the imperious law would bow before Him, and turn aside from its demand. But no. Even He, standing in the sinner's place must touch the sinner's doom. Justice, supreme, infinite, implacable smote even Him. The law vindicated itself even on HIS honored head.

The supremacy of the law is thus established before heaven and earth in the person of the Son of God, who takes the penalty of the sinner

upon Himself. Do we not, then, establish the law in the method of pardon? How glorious is the law, how inviolable since this Divine victim was sacrificed to its penal supremacy. Behold the severity of the gospel! It gave the Lord of Glory to death to meet the claim of justice. It proposes no mitigation, but pays the "mighty debt."

In the pardon of sin, we see that the honor of the law is fully maintained. Is it so in the processes of salvation as they appertain to individual character? Are the claims of the law released so far as the obligation of obedience is concerned?

As to those classes to whom the gospel does not come, to whose understandings its claims are not addressed, as idiots, infants and the heathen, we are in ignorance of the method by which the benefits of the atonement become effectual in their case. But in the case of those who receive the message, we know what the method is. For, let it be repeated, the gospel, too, is a law—the law of recovery for the sinner. No man is saved by the gospel except by its method. Salvation is conditioned upon the method: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." "He that believeth hath life."

Behold, again, the severity of the gospel. Its demand upon us for repentance is absolutely inexorable. To "perish" is the alternative. But repentance is the abandonment of sin, and sin is the transgression of the law. The sinner must return to the law. No matter if the sin be dear as the right eye, or valuable as the right hand. The very eye must be plucked out. the hand cut off. This inexorable demand is in the law of recovery. Its voice is imperious as the thunder tone of Sinai. Repentance is consummated in faith. The two are vitally related to each other, and are, indeed, parts of the same process. Repentance is the Godward movement of the soul, and just where the soul touches conciously upon God, it passes into faith. Faith takes Christ for all that He is—takes God for all that He is. In faith the soul opens itself to all divine communications and energies. Faith is the condition of receptivity toward God.

Upon this the new birth supervenes. What is the new birth? Can you tell me just what is accomplished in a man when he is converted? The Apostle has given us the statement in inspired words. Hear them: "The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." The love of God shed abroad in the heart! That is the new birth. But love is the sum of the law, and God is love. In the conversion of the soul, the law becomes subjective in character. Experimental and practical religion are vitally related to each other. In experimental religion, the law is inwrought into the inner life, in practical

religion it appears in the outer life. The same Divine finger that wrote the law on the tables of stone, now, in the work of salvation, writes it on the heart of the believer. Reformation of life and manners accompanies conversion. Where the work is genuine a holy life is the result.

Is the law made void in this? Nay, verily, it is established. *The law is an assertion of the Divine authority*, and the gospel brings its subjects to a willing and joyful obedience. *The law postulates the ultimate truth with regard to moral relations*, and through the gospel the ultimate truth becomes incorporated into character. *The law is the utterance of the moral nature of God*, and through the gospel we become "partakers of the Divine nature having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." *The law solves the problem involved in the relation of the individual liberty with the common weal*. In Christ the *truth* makes men free, and they are free indeed. This liberty is never the cloak of licentiousness. Its impulses are the inspiration of the law of God. The law is the condition of life; the gospel simply brings men back to this condition. It establishes the law.

Many, no doubt misconceive the very nature of salvation. When they think of being saved, they think only of escaping hell-torments after death, and entering into some beautiful world where there is no suffering nor death. But to escape torment and live in a world free from suffering, is not of the essence of salvation. These things are necessary and invariable *incidents* of salvation. But they are not of the *essence* of it. *Salvation is a fact of character*. It is subjective. It is found in the attainment of holiness. Inward purity is the essence of it, and outward conformity to the will of God is the expression of it.

In the great work of grace by which we are saved, the gospel does what the law cannot, but not in any manner that contravenes the law. It honors the law's penalty most solemnly and awfully in the death of our august Substitute. It also respects the sacred claim of the law in the method upon which salvation is conditioned, in the inexorable law of repentance and faith. Beyond all this, it brings the resources of grace, in the powerful operation of the Holy Spirit, to recover men from their depraved condition and reproduce in them the purity of the law.

The gospel takes man, fallen from the law, guilty, polluted, lost, and elevates him again to the plane of the law: *it restores him to the law*.

"*Do we then make void the law through faith?* GOD FORBID: YEA,  
WE ESTABLISH THE LAW."

I have said that the law is as really an expression of beneficence as the gospel, and so it certainly is, for it was ordained to the same end—that is to life. But it ought to be added, that the gospel is a more tender and affecting exhibition of goodness than the law. Depraved as man is, he suffers a spiritual paralysis which renders him incapable of immediate divine communion, and insensible to that direct communication of God which the law is. He is not susceptible of divine influences. He is in an unreceptive condition towards God. It was necessary therefore that a method of salvation should be resorted to, in which God should approach man through his natural sympathies and sensibilities. To this end the Eternal Son became incarnate. The Infinite Pity looked upon man through human eyes, and spoke to him in the sorrow-burdened tones of a human voice. He took our nature, and in it suffered the most dreadful death on our account. We have Him evermore before our eyes, perspiring blood in the garden and dying on the cross. We see Him, perpetually treading the winepress of the wrath of God alone. He suffers all this agony *for us sinners and for our salvation*: and this agony interprets the heart of God to us in a human language that we can understand. God comes upon us on the side of our natural sensibilities, and opens a way for Himself through our human sympathies. So tender, so touching is this expression of the Divine love.

What is more sublime than the prophetic declaration: “He shall see of the travail of His soul and shall *be satisfied*? ” Is not this the grandest fact in Heaven itself—Christ’s own gratified contemplation of the fruit of his agony? He will remember all—the bloody sweat, the buffeting, the crown of thorns, the scourging, the hour and power of darkness, the anguish of the cross, the awful hiding of His Father’s face—all, all He will remember. But around Him will be the “innumerable multitude,” saved from sin, saved from “the second death,” and raised to a destiny whose joy and grandeur only He will comprehend; and He will *be satisfied*. This gratified contemplation of the fruit of His sufferings will be Christ’s own eternal ineffable heaven. This is the “joy of the Lord.”

My brethren of the Virginia Conference, you are permitted to enter into the participation of Christ’s labors, and you have the promise that you shall, if you are faithful, enter into His joy. His joy is found in the fruit of His toil. So shall yours be the fruit of your own labor and of His. Oh! let us emulate the self-sacrifice of Christ. He avoided no toil, evaded no shame, sought no ease in the labors of His great enterprise. He did not even shun the garden or the cross.

Think of this, you who have the hardest circuits, and are in the deepest poverty. Think of this, you whose toil is the hardest and whose cross is the heaviest. Behold, the Lord is now gone up, and is beginning even now to reap the fruit of his pain. The multiplying millions of His redeemed are gathering around Him. He looks to you to swell the number. What if your labor be in pain and poverty. So was His. What if you are despised by men. So was He. The time is at hand when you too, shall be called up to hear that supreme word which will create your heaven: "Well done good and faithful servant—enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Thou hast been with Him in toil; thou shalt, also, in thy measure, with Him, gather in the harvest and enter into the joy.

## APPENDIX.

### I.—STATISTICS OF THE VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

FROM 1845 TO 1874, INCLUSIVE.

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Total Ministers and Members.	Missionary Collection.	Conference Collection.
1845.....	103	No rep.	26,426	4,949	31,375	\$4,300	\$851
1846.....	104	166	26,868	5,192	32,226	3,403	2,322
1847.....	101	165	28,292	5,691	34,148	4,432	2,256
1848.....	117	182	29,565	5,913	35,660	6,750	2,449
1849.....	117	184	30,938	5,891	37,013	8,151	2,688
1850.....	124	189	31,166	6,312	37,668	8,536	3,280
1851.....	132	179	32,705	6,597	39,481	8,500	3,588
1852.....	139	190	32,803	6,597	39,590	7,344	4,214
1853.....	149	193	32,732	6,250	39,175	13,604	6,561
1854.....	154	195	32,949	6,294	39,438	13,438	5,250
1855.....	156	186	33,461	6,587	40,254	12,503	5,889
1856.....	154	205	34,502	6,483	41,190	17,234	6,619
1857.....	168	185	34,743	5,634	40,562	17,500	6,510
1858.....	178	198	37,978	7,011	45,195	21,444	7,316
1859.....	185	216	40,376	7,753	48,345	21,882	7,903
1860.....	198	174	40,159	7,567	47,900	20,338	8,033
1861.....	189	198	38,300	6,880	45,378	.....	6,024
1862.....	189	183	37,950	6,394	45,067	.....	15,714
1863.....	196	138	28,360	3,173	31,671	54,592	24,122
1864.....	188	118	30,594	2,477	33,189	61,081	34,350
1865.....	186	150	33,370	1,683	35,203	2,903	2,526
1866.....	189	171	34,843	1,212	36,226	39,402	3,338
1867.....	166	154	36,006	1,021	37,181	4,137	3,520
1868.....	172	147	35,903	897	36,994	3,106	3,353
1869.....	164	153	38,897	815	39,865	4,731	4,018
1870.....	165	150	39,425	937	40,512	4,742	3,813
1871.....	171	162	41,555	525	42,613	5,537	4,825
1872.....	169	174	43,297	599	44,234	7,173	5,321
1873.....	171	181	44,609	601	45,562	7,571	5,046
1874.....	175	180	46,431	359	47,145	8,683	5,802

## II.—METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

### 1. Comparative Progress.

YEAR.	Traveling Preachers.	Superan'- ted Preachers.	Local Preachers.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total Minis- ters and Members.
1845.....	1,384	90	2,550	330,710	124,811	2,978	462,423
1846.....	1,433	86	2,833	327,284	124,961	2,972	459,567
1847.....	1,403	97	3,143	334,859	127,249	3,445	470,194
1848.....	1,476	108	3,026	345,258	134,153	3,375	496,396
1849.....	1,538	104	3,896	366,582	134,722	3,226	510,069
1850.....	1,582	118	3,955	375,520	135,594	3,487	520,256
1851..	1,659	126	3,044	387,954	138,113	3,327	534,223
1852.....	1,741	124	4,455	392,856	146,949	3,044	549,171
1853.....	1,803	142	4,328	415,297	154,264	3,691	579,525
1854.....	1,942	150	4,359	428,511	164,584	3,757	603,303
1855.....	2,078	157	4,628	447,372	170,150	3,613	627,992
1856.....	2,171	163	4,660	460,160	173,067	3,486	643,708
1857.....	2,267	167	4,907	469,661	177,919	3,856	655,777
1858.....	2,414	163	4,984	499,694	188,141	2,874	699,169
1859.....	2,494	167	5,177	511,601	197,348	4,236	721,023
1860.....	2,615	169	5,353	537,136	207,766	4,160	757,205
1866.....	2,314	171	3,769	419,404	78,742	701	505,101
1867.....	2,389	192	3,952	472,484	54,172	1,851	535,040
1868.....	2,495	179	4,413	503,596	32,085	2,301	545,069
1869.....	2,646	187	4,753	540,820	19,686	3,149	571,241
1870.....	2,725	187	4,714	561,577	13,263	3,952	586,418
1871.....	2,858	199	4,944	600,909	7,841	4,433	621,184
1872.....	3,013	219	5,134	637,526	3,557	4,710	654,159
1873.....	3,134	237	5,344	659,677	3,429	4,779	676,600

In the foregoing table no account is taken of the years from 1861 to 1865, inclusive. During that period of civil war some of the Annual Conferences were disorganized, and many were interrupted in their operations to such an extent that they furnished no official returns, and, therefore, the numbers cannot be given. The heavy decrease appearing in 1866 was owing to the transfer of about 200,000 of our colored members to other Churches, principally those under the government of their own race.\*

### 2. Statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 1873.\*

Bishops.....	8
Conferences.....	36
Traveling Preachers.....	3,134
Superannuated Preachers.....	237
Local Preachers.....	5,344
White Members.....	656,677
Colored Members.....	3,429
Indian Members.....	4,779
Total Ministers and Members.....	676,600
Infants Baptized.....	22,755
Adults Baptized.....	37,454
Sunday Schools.....	7,019
Sunday School Officers and Teachers.....	48,530
Sunday School Scholars.....	321,572
Amount of Conference Collection.....	\$64,014
Amount of Missionary Collection.....	\$96,644

\*The statistics for 1874 have not yet been made up. The total ministers and members will be between 690,000 and 700,000.

### 3. General Conference Officers.

GENERAL BOOK AGENT—Rev. A. H. Redford.

GENERAL BOOK EDITOR—Rev. Thos. O. Summers.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY—Rev. A. G. Haygood.

GENERAL MISSIONARY SECRETARY—Rev. John B. McFerrin.

ASSISTANT MISSIONARY SECRETARY—Rev. A. G. Haygood.

### 4. Publishing House, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville.

Exhibit of the Publishing House for Eight Years ending July 1st., 1874.

JUNE 1ST, 1866.	APRIL 30TH, 1870.
Assets.....\$158,619.25	Assets.....\$230,244.57
Liabilities.....71,453.55	Liabilities.....41,872.12
Balance in favor of the House... \$87,165.70	Balance in favor of the House....\$188,352.45
JULY 1ST, 1867.	JULY 1ST, 1871.
Assets.....\$171,597.03	Assets.....\$200,614.22
Liabilities.....68,056.76	Liabilities.....44,066.67
Balance in favor of the House...\$103,540.27	Balance in favor of the House....\$216,547.55
JULY 1ST, 1868.	JULY 1ST, 1872.
Assets.....\$173,898.01	Assets.....\$278,938.09
Liabilities.....49,822.44	Liabilities.....49,201.31
Balance in favor of the House...\$124,075.59	Balance in favor of the House....\$229,736.78
JULY 1ST, 1869.	JULY 1ST, 1873.
Assets.....\$212,759.73	Assets.....\$520,100.13
Liabilities.....42,575.76	Liabilities.....243,982.70
Balance in favor of the House... \$170,183.97	Balance in favor of the House....\$276,117.43

DETAILED EXHIBIT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY 1st, 1874.

#### ASSETS:

Real Estate.....	\$220,597 55
Presses, Engine, Boilers, and Fixtures.....	44,930 62
Composing Room .....	9,409 05
Stereotype Plates.....	72,668 20
Mailing Apparatus.....	1,427 25
Stereotype Foundry.....	4,622 00
Wood, Electrotype, and Steel Engravings.....	4,192 00
Merchandise.....	52,691 02
Sheet Stock, Paper and Ink.....	12,531 50
New Orleans Depository.....	44,063 07
Individual Accounts.....	63,487 21
Two Lots in Nashville.....	1,000 00
Cash paid for Copyrights.....	1,009 00
Cash on Hand.....	958 45
Total.....	\$533,577 92

#### LIABILITIES:

Bills Payable.....	\$110,424 61
Open Accounts.....	9,116 20
Bond Account.....	100,000 00— 219,540 81
Balance in favor of the House.....	314,037 11
Balance July 1, 1873.....	276,117 43
Net gain.....	\$ 37,920 78

BOOK COMMITTEE—Rev. R. A. Young, Tennessee Conference; Rev. James E. Evans, South Georgia Conference; Rev. John H. Linn, Louisville Conference; Rev. P. A. Peterson, Virginia Conference; J. S. Lithgow, Louisville, Ky.; Dempsey Weaver, Thompson Anderson, W. H. Morgan and J. D. Fite, Nashville, Tenn.

*5. Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

Robert Paine,	.	.	.	.	.	Residence, Aberdeen, Mississippi.
George F. Pierce,	:	:	:	:	"	Sparta, Georgia.
Hubbard H. Kavanaugh,	:	:	:	:	"	Louisville, Kentucky.
William M. Wightman,	:	:	:	:	"	Charleston, S. C.
Enoch M. Marvin,	:	:	:	:	"	St. Louis, Missouri.
David S. Doggett,	:	:	:	:	"	Richmond, Virginia.
Holland N. McTyeire,	:	:	:	:	"	Nashville, Tennessee.
John C. Keener,	:	:	:	:	"	New Orleans, La.

*6. Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

TREASURER—Rev. A. H. Redford.

BOARD OF MANAGERS—John S. Martin, Baltimore Conference; Rev. Wm. G. E. Cunningham, Holston Conference; Rev. L. S. Burkhead, North Carolina Conference; Rev. W. H. Fleming, South Carolina Conference; Rev. A. G. Haygood, North Georgia Conference; Rev. R. A. Young, Rev. D. C. Kelly and Rev. R. K. Hargrove, Tennessee Conference; Rev. H. H. Montgomery, Mississippi Conference; Rev. I. G. John, Texas Conference; Rev. A. R. Wingfield, Little Rock Conference; Rev. Wm. M. Leftwich, St. Louis Conference; Rev. Wm. M. Rush, Missouri Conference; Rev. E. K. Miller, Pacific Conference; W. M. McCarthy, J. M. Sharpe and J. S. Bradford, laymen of Nashville, Tenn.

*7. Periodical Literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

[I.]—Published by order of the General Conference :

Christian Advocate, Nashville; Rev. T. O. Summers, Editor.  
 Sunday School Magazine, Nashville; Rev. A. G. Haygood, Editor.  
 Sunday School Visitor, Nashville; Rev. A. G. Haygood, Editor.  
 Our Little People, Nashville; Rev. A. G. Haygood, Editor.  
 Uniform System of Sunday School Lessons; Rev. A. G. Haygood, Editor.  
 Our Missionary; Revs. J. B. McFerrin and A. G. Haygood, Editors.

[II.]—Published by Annual Conferences or by individuals.

Southern Quarterly Review, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. A. T. Bledsoe, Editor.  
 Richmond Christian Advocate; Revs. W. W. Bennett and J. J. Lafferty, Eds.  
 Southern Christian Advocate, Macon, Georgia; Rev. F. Milton Kennedy and  
     Rev. J. W. Burke, Editors.  
 New Orleans Christian Advocate; Rev. Linus Parker, Editor.  
 Western Methodist, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. W. C. Johnson, Editor.  
 St. Louis Christian Advocate; Rev. D. R. McAnnally, Editor.  
 Episcopal Methodist, Baltimore; Rev. John Poisal, Editor.  
 Texas Christian Advocate, Galveston; Rev. I. G. John, Editor.  
 Raleigh Christian Advocate, Raleigh, N. C.; Rev. J. B. Bobbitt, Editor.  
 Pacific Methodist, San Francisco; Rev. Wick B. Parsons, Editor.  
 Familienfreund (German), New Orleans; Rev. J. B. A. Ahrens and Rev. Ed. N.  
     S. Blogg, Editors.  
 Kinderfreund (German S. School paper), edited by the same.  
 Baltimore Christian Advocate, Baltimore; Rev. E. R. Smith, Editor.  
 Sunday School Companion, Baltimore; Rev. E. R. Smith, Editor.  
 Sunday School Record, Richmond, Va.; Geo. W. Armistead, Editor.  
 Central Methodist, Cattlesburg, Ky.; Rev. Zephaniah Meek, Editor.  
 Holston Methodist, Morristown, Tenn.; Rev. R. N. Price, Editor.  
 Weekly Watchman, Little Rock, Ark.; Rev. F. B. Hotchkiss, Editor.

*8. Colleges, and Collegiate Institutions under the patronage of the  
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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NAME OF INSTITUTION.	LOCATION.
1. Randolph Macon College, . . . . .	Ashland, Virginia,
2. Wesleyan Female College, . . . . .	Macon, Georgia,
3. Cokesbury Conference School, . . . . .	Cokesbury, South Carolina.
4. Martha Washington College, . . . . .	Abingdon, Virginia.
5. Emory and Henry College, . . . . .	Washington county, Virginia.
6. La Grange Female College, . . . . .	La Grange, Georgia.
7. Illinois Conference College, . . . . .	Limestone, Illinois.
8. Centenary College, . . . . .	Jackson, Louisiana.
9. Hiwassee College, . . . . .	Athens, Tennessee.
10. Wofford College, . . . . .	Spartaburg, South Carolina.
11. Emory College, . . . . .	Oxford, Georgia.
12. Kentucky Wesleyan University . . . . .	Millersburg, Kentucky.
13. Central Female College, . . . . .	Lexington, Missouri.
14. Verona Female College, . . . . .	Verona, Mississippi.
15. Wesleyan Female College, . . . . .	Brownsville, Tennessee.
16. Logan Female College, . . . . .	Russellville, Kentucky.
17. Dalton Female College, . . . . .	Dalton, Georgia.
18. Warren College, . . . . .	Bowling Green, Kentucky.
19. Millersburg Female College, . . . . .	Millersburg, Kentucky.
20. Southern Female College, . . . . .	Petersburg, Virginia.
21. Corinth Female College, . . . . .	Corinth, Mississippi.
22. Huntsville Female College, . . . . .	Huntsville, Alabama.
23. State Female College, . . . . .	Memphis, Tennessee.
24. Asbury Manual Labor School, . . . . .	N F Town, C N, I T
25. New Hope Seminary, . . . . .	Skullyville, C N, I T.
26. Greensboro Female College, . . . . .	Greensboro, North Carolina.
27. Memphis Conference Female Institute, . . . . .	Jackson, Tennessee.
28. Trinity College, . . . . .	Randolph co., North Carolina.
29. Whitworth Female College, . . . . .	Brookhaven, Mississippi.
30. Petersburg Female College, . . . . .	Petersburg, Virginia.
31. Columbia Female College, . . . . .	Columbia, South Carolina.
32. Marvin College, . . . . .	Waxahachie, Texas.
33. Bellevue Collegiate Institute, . . . . .	Caledonia, Mexico.
34. Austin Female College, . . . . .	Austin, Texas.
35. Wilson College, . . . . .	Wilmington, California.
36. Los Nietos (Cal.) Institute, . . . . .	Los Nietos, California.
37. Alabama Female College, . . . . .	Tuskegee, Alabama.
38. Andrew Female College, . . . . .	Huntsville, Texas.
39. Southern University, . . . . .	Greensboro, Alabama.
40. Danville Female College, . . . . .	Danville, Virginia.
41. Wesleyan Female College, . . . . .	Murfreesboro, North Carolina.
42. Farmville (Female) College, . . . . .	Farmville, Virginia.
43. Collinsworth Institute, . . . . .	Talbotton, Georgia.
44. Andrew Female College, . . . . .	Dawson, Georgia.
45. Le Vert Female College, . . . . .	Talbotton, Georgia.
46. Norfolk Institute, . . . . .	Norfolk, Virginia.
47. Wesleyan Female Institute, . . . . .	Staunton, Virginia.
48. Centenary Female Institute, . . . . .	Summerfield, Alabama.
49. Marion District High School, . . . . .	Marion, Alabama.
50. Athens Female Institute, . . . . .	Athens, Alabama.
51. Mansfield Female College, . . . . .	Mansfield, Louisiana.
52. Homer College, . . . . .	Homer, Louisiana.
53. Black Hawk District School, . . . . .	Black Hawk, Mississippi.
54. Iuka Female College, . . . . .	Iuka, Mississippi.
55. Paine District High School, . . . . .	Brooksville, Mississippi.
56. Soule University, . . . . .	Chappel Hill, Texas.
57. Dallas Female College, . . . . .	Dallas, Texas.
58. Sherman Institute, . . . . .	Sherman, Texas.
59. Chappell Hill Female College, . . . . .	Chappell Hill, Texas.
60. Texas University, . . . . .	Georgetown, Texas.
61. Waco Female College, . . . . .	Waco, Texas.
62. Owensesville High School, . . . . .	Owensesville, Texas.
63. Central College, . . . . .	Fayette, Missouri.

### III.—GENERAL SUMMARY OF METHODISTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

(From the Methodist Almanac for 1875.)

I.—EPISCOPAL METHODIST.	Itinerant Preachers.	Local Preachers.	Lay Members.	Aggregate
Methodist Episcopal.....	10,846.....	12,706.....	1,563,521.....	1,587,072
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.....	3,371.....	5,344.....	667,885.....	676,600
Colored M. E. Church, in America.....	635.....	683.....	67,888.....	69,206
African Methodist Episcopal.....	600.....	1,300.....	200,000 .....	219,000
Evangelical Association.....	737.....	476.....	90,249.....	91,462
United Brethren.....	967.....	742.....	120,445.....	122,154
Total Episcopal Methodist.....	17,749	22,667	2,873,988	2,914,404

### II.—NON EPISCOPAL METHODIST.

The Methodist Church.....	624.....	300.....	65,000.....	65,924
Methodist Protestant.....	423.....	250.....	65,000.....	65,673
American Wesleyan.....	250.....	190.....	20,000.....	20,440
Free Methodist.....	90.....	80.....	6,000.....	6,170
Primitive Methodist.....	20.....	25.....	2,000.....	2,070
Total Non Episcopal Methodists.....	1,407	1,845	158,000	160,277
Grand Total Methodists in the U. S.....	19,156	24,512	3,031,988	3,074,681

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### IV.—SUMMARY OF METHODISTS IN THE WORLD.

	Ministers and Members,
Methodists in the United States.....	3,074,681
British Wesleyans in Great Britian.....	391,874
Irish Wesleyan Churches.....	21,652
French Wesleyan Churches.....	2,136
Australian Wesleyan Churches.....	68,472
Primitive Methodist Church.....	180,518
Methodist New Connection Church.....	35,073
United Methodist Free Church.....	70,628
Bible Christian Churches.....	28,867
British Wesleyan Reform Union.....	8,622
Methodist Church of Canada.....	104,918
Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada.....	23,091
Grand Total Methodists in the World .....	4,011,509

## V.—OTHER DENOMINATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

1874.

Regular Baptists, North and South.....	1,646,537
Presbyterian Church (North) .....	500,231
Presbyterian Church (South) .....	107,912
United Presbyterian Church .....	74,043
Congregational Churches.....	326,912
Evangelical Lutherans.....	107,288
Reformed Church (late Dutch).....	64,723
Reformed Church (late German).....	129,345
Free Will Baptists.....	67,832
Seventh Day Baptists.....	7,418
Disciples [Campbellite].....	500,000
Cumberland Presbyterian.....	131,116
Moravians [United Brethren] about.....	7,000
Roman Catholic—Archbishops 7; Bishops 126; Priests 3,871; Churches 4,250; Chapels and Stations 1,700. Membership [counting whole families irrespective of moral character] is estimated at 6,000,000.	

## VI.—POPULATIONS AND RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD.

## POPULATION.

Europe.....	301,600,000
Asia.....	794,000,000
America.....	89,524,000
Africa.....	192,520,000
Oceanica, Australia, etc.....	4,365,000
Total.....	1,377,000,000

## RELIGIONS.

Protestant.....	76,000,000
Roman Catholics.....	170,000,000
Greek Church.....	89,000,000
Jews.....	5,000,000
Mohammedan.....	160,000,000
Heathens or Pagans.....	200,000,000
Asiatic Budhists.....	600,000,000

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